

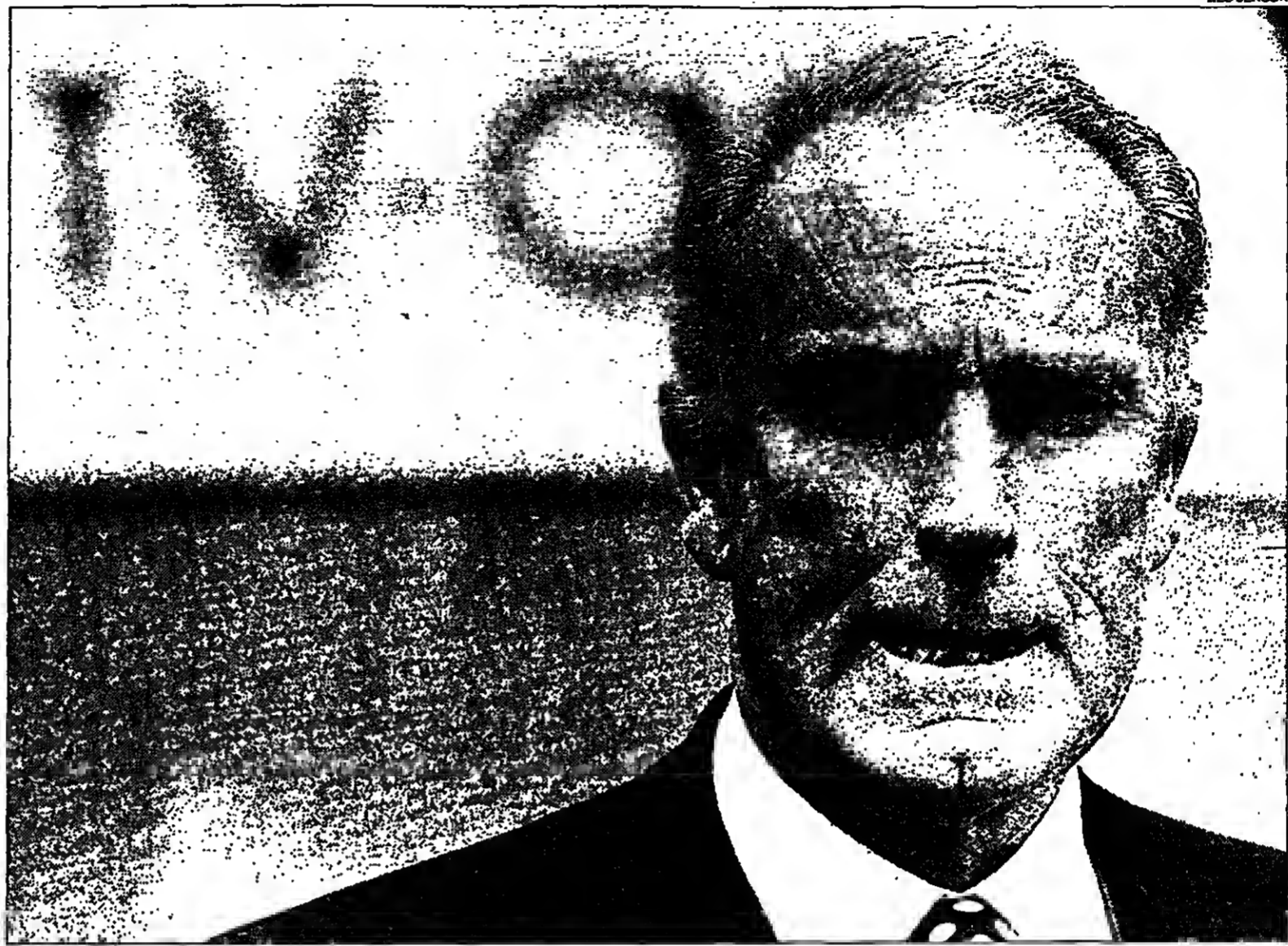
Legal threats follow TV auction

Thames, TV-am lose licences in bidding battle

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THREE of the four television companies that lost their broadcasting franchises yesterday after a controversial blind-bid auction are considering challenging the Independent Television Commission in the courts.

Thames, the biggest supplier of peak-time programmes to the ITV network, and TV-am, the most profitable television company in the world, will go off the air in 1993 after losing their licences to higher bidders. TVS, which serves the South, and the West's TSW also lost their franchises in spite of putting in bigger tenders than their rivals.



Off camera: Bruce Gyngell, chairman of TV-am, grimacing outside his Camden headquarters yesterday after losing the breakfast-time franchise

losers would have to prove that the ITC had acted beyond its statutory powers and even then, the courts would not have the power to overturn the decisions. Asked if he thought the losers would take legal action, George Russell, the commission chairman, said: "I don't think they should or will because they knew the rules when they entered."

Bruce Gyngell, the TV-am chairman, said he would not pursue the matter in the courts but he described the award of the morning franchise to Sunrise Television a travesty. "I predict that Sunrise will be bankrupt by 1994," he said. "I do not believe that it can be a profitable company with a bid of £34.6 million."

Honecker athletes forced to use drugs

East Germany built its formidable athletics team on the back of state-supplied steroids, Nigel Hawkes reports

Secret East German documents show that the doping of athletes with steroids to improve their performance was a full-scale, state-sponsored scientific plan under Erich Honecker's regime costing millions of marks and reaching all the way to the country's top scientific body, the Academy of Sciences.

23 dead in worst US mass killing

From AGENCIES IN KILLEEN, TEXAS

A MAN armed with an automatic weapon drove his lorry into a popular central Texas cafeteria and opened fire on the lunch-time crowd, killing up to 22 people and wounding at least 15 others, television and radio reports said yesterday.

The gunman went into a toilet at Luby's cafeteria and killed himself, CBS radio reported. The shooting went on for 20 or 30 minutes, one witness told Cable News Network. Police said that 22 people, including the gunman, were dead, which would make the shooting the worst mass killing in American history.

99 NHS opt-outs approved

By JILL SHERMAN AND NICHOLAS WOOD

WILLIAM Waldegrave, the health secretary, yesterday swept aside calls to slow down the pace of reforms in the National Health Service by approving 99 of the 110 applications from hospitals and other units to become trusts next April.

reapply for trust status, leading to accusations that he had prejudged the London commission. However, he indicated that, in the wake of the enquiry, the hospitals' services might be provided "in a different shape".

Late commuters fight BR over docked pay

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE hard-pressed British commuter is fighting back. In the week in which the railways announced fare increases far in excess of the rate of inflation, Barry Uwin and six other commuters backed by the Consumers' Association are taking legal action against BR for failing to get them to work on time.

who uses the Southend to London-Fenchurch Street line, has had his wages docked by £170 in the past 12 months for being late for work. In Southend, he catches the 7.06am train that should complete the 40-mile journey to time for him to clock-on by 8.30am. "But I'm always getting in late and I'm sick of it," he said. "I don't blame my employers for docking my money, but why should BR get away with it?"

weakness. We don't think the conditions will stand up when challenged." Roger Freeman, the transport minister, has accepted that service on the line, used daily by 72,000 passengers, is "wholly unacceptable".



Uwin: blames BR for loss of salary

Tortured SAS men had nails torn out by Iraqis

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

SAS commandos captured by the Iraqis during secret missions in search of Scud missiles during the Gulf war had their finger nails pulled out as part of a grim saga of torture.

The SAS men were also burned by their Iraqi torturers because of the sensitivity of their mission. The revelations are the first to give details of the treatment of the army's crack troops, who played a vital role in debilitating the Iraqi war machine.

Flight Lieutenant Waddington says guards stopped medical staff giving him an anaesthetic as they put his dislocated arm back in place. The two men were taken to a Baghdad prison where their interrogation intensified. He said he was bloodflooded throughout and hit on the head, back and legs every time he refused to answer questions.

TODAY IN THE TIMES

NOBEL WINNERS



Pierre-Gilles de Gennes, of France, has won the Nobel Prize for Physics for his work in the fields of liquid crystals, while Richard Ernst, of Switzerland, has won the chemistry prize for research into spectroscopy. Nigel Hawkes assesses their achievements Page 14

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# Cars most at risk from theft face higher premiums

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

SEVEN million car drivers face big increases in premiums as insurance companies attempt to force motorists to protect their cars against theft.

Insurers have acted after paying out £300 million on motor claims in the first six months of this year, which is equal to the amount paid in the whole of 1989.

The Association of British Insurers yesterday issued guidelines to its 450 member companies, which will mean scrapping the present nine-band rating system for cars and moving to a 20-band scheme to allow insurers to identify clearly cars which are most at risk from theft or most likely to be crashed because of their high performance.

Some owners of GTI cars, the most popular with joyriders, face increases of up to 80 per cent. The association said that

the ratings of about a third of the 21 million cars on the road would increase as a result of its proposals, which should come into force by the middle of next year. However, a third of owners would benefit from discounts because their cars are equipped with manufacturer-fitted alarms and door deadlocks.

The increase in bands allows insurers for the first time to give an accurate reflection of how vulnerable cars are to theft, break-ins or crash damage. They hope that pressure from consumers unwilling to pay much higher premiums will force manufacturers to improve the security and safety ratings of their cars.

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, welcomed the association's proposals at the launch of the scheme at London Motorfair at Earls

Court. He said: "Most of the cars at the show here are worth £10,000, £20,000 or even £25,000 and yet people treat them with incredible casualness. This new scheme should discourage people from buying high-risk cars and also encourage them to make the effort to make their cars secure."

Mr Baker has given the car makers until Christmas to come up with definite proposals for preventing car thefts and break-ins, which account for 28 per cent of all recorded crime. More than 500,000 cars are stolen annually and 750,000 broken into. He is angry that cars which have highly developed performance are relatively easy to steal. That has led to an increase in joyriding, which helped to spark riots recently on Tyneside and in Oxford.

Car makers who have adopted new security systems are already being rewarded with recognition by the association's new ratings system. A Vauxhall Cavalier 1.6L, for example, is rated in group 4 of the present ratings scheme, representing about a 50 per cent risk on security, safety and performance. However, the car gets a rating of six out of 20 in the new bandings, representing a risk of almost 25 per cent.

Cars in the highest band (20) include the Lotus Carlton and the Mercedes 500 SL. The Golf GTI is at 14, the Astra GTE 1.6 valve at 15 and the Renault 5 GT Turbo at 14 along with the Fiesta XR2i. High power saloons such as the Sierra Cosworth (16), Rover 820i (16) and the Mercedes 190 2.0E (13) also figure among the upper bands.

Traditional repmobiles such as the Ford Sierra 1.8 LX and the Vauxhall Cavalier 1.6 L hover around the halfway mark at 9 and 6 respectively. Cavalier SRi, Audi 80 1.8 and Granada 2.0 Ghia all make it into band 12. Rover 214si, Toyota Corolla 1.3GL and the Citroen BX19 GTD all come within band 8. Those at the bottom of the bandings include the Volvo 440 in band 5, the Volkswagen Polo 1.0 CL in band 4 and the Vauxhall Nova 1.0 Trip in band 3. The Rover Mini City is in band 2.



Westward bound: the Prince and Princess of Wales photographed by Lord Snowdon to mark their six-day visit to Canada, which starts next Wednesday

# Island's wild mice aid cancer research

By KERRY GILL

FARAY, a tiny uninhabited outcrop in the Orkney islands, has had little of which to boast apart from sheep, seals, seabird colonies and a healthy population of former house mice that have become wild.

But those mice have a possibly unique genetic make-up. Faray could find itself at the forefront of cancer research as scientists study the mice. Two British biologists based in the United States have spent a week in a disused schoolhouse on the island, collecting 30 of the mice, which were trapped into live traps by peanut butter.

Research on the mice will help the American National Institute of Health in its work on cancer associated oncogenes. Almost by chance it was found that the Faray mice have few oncogenes, making them less susceptible to cancers.

Andrew Berry, a biologist working at Princeton University, was asked to bring back some of the mice for analysis. He went to Faray with Naomi Pierce, who works with Australian butterflies, to trap the mice.

Professor Berry said that the mice had arrived in London where a colony would be bred in a laboratory. DNA extracts from them would be sent to America where it has been found that mice in some sites lose their genetic coding genes over three or four generations and may, in time, become non-carcinogenic.

# Man, 19, gets life for 'racial' murder

A WHITE man aged 19 was given a life sentence yesterday for the murder of a black schoolboy in an attack that a judge decided was partly motivated by race hatred.

The prosecution at the Old Bailey had said that there was no race motive for the stabbing of Rolan Adams, aged 15, by Mark Thornburrow, 19, on 20 August. However, Judge Richardsoo, QC, said that the victim had done nothing to deserve the attack and that after hearing the evidence and reading statements by Thornburrow, he was sure that there were "racial overtones". He added: "That is something which the courts will not tolerate."

Relatives and friends of the dead boy cheered and clapped in the public gallery when the jury returned a guilty verdict after the eight-day trial. Thornburrow, of Thamesmead, southeast London, stabbed the boy in the neck with a butterfly knife after a build-up of tension at the Hawksmoor Youth Club in Thamesmead. He claimed that he had acted in self-defence.

Jean Southworth, QC, for the prosecution, said that the boy and his brother were waiting at a bus stop when Thornburrow ran up behind Rolan Adams and attacked him. The boy ran off but died some distance away.

When arrested Thornburrow told police that Rolan had spat in his face. He also said: "I can't believe he is dead. I saw him run away. There is no way I did that."

# Birdwood guilty in race hate case

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE Dowager Lady Birdwood was conditionally discharged and ordered to pay £500 towards prosecution costs after being found guilty of distributing anti-Jewish leaflets intending to stir racial hatred.

Judge Capstick ordered the removal of people from the public gallery at the Central Criminal Court when supporters shouted "shame" and "absolutely disgusting" as the jury found the 78-year-old woman guilty on ten charges. She had defended herself and denied distributing or possessing thousands of "threatening, abusive or insulting" leaflets between April and December last year.

Judge Capstick warned Birdwood, of Acton Vale, west London: "You should know if you continue to break the law you will go to prison." He said that the statutes under which charges had been brought had been enacted under governments of different political persuasions, and that everybody must obey the law.

offence in the course of the next two years, you are liable to be sentenced for these offences," the judge said.

He ordered Birdwood to pay £500 towards prosecution costs, estimated at £1,000. She was told that if she did not, she was liable to be called before magistrates.

The leaflets she held or distributed included "Jewish Tributes to our Child Martyrs", "The Ultimate Blasphemy - Revelations from the Talmud" and "Another Blood Libel on Ritual Murder".

David Paget, for the prosecution, said that Birdwood had told police that she believed the Zionist element of the Jewish community was masterminding the multi-racial invasion of Britain. Birdwood told the jury: "The essence of this case is whether in a free country there can be free speech, even involving the most controversial subjects, as in the present case." She argued that the Crown had not proved that anyone had been incited by the leaflets.

# Helpline for winter relaunched

By DAVID YOUNG

THE government and the three major charities responsible for the elderly are to relaunch their "Winter Warmth Line" this winter to provide information for vulnerable people to help them to keep warm and well.

Last year the service handled 15,000 calls from elderly people requiring practical help and advice during the cold weather. It is funded by the departments of health and social security and run from the headquarters of Help the Aged with support from Age Concern and Neighbourhood Energy Action. The number is Freephone 0800-289-404.

The phone line is supported by brochures giving details of help available.

# Artificial heart can plug into the mains

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

BATTERY-powered artificial hearts will be implanted in patients with severe cardiac disease to a trial in British hospitals next year.

About 20 patients who are unsuitable for a conventional heart transplant will be offered the device, which can also be powered by mains electricity supplies at home. The artificial unit, an electro-mechanical left ventricular assist device, is inserted into the patient's heart and connected to a rechargeable battery under the arm.

The battery runs the heart for about eight hours, but if linked to the domestic mains supply patients could watch television or sleep "without worry of power loss", Terence Lewis, a consultant cardiac surgeon said yesterday. "The

aim is that they should be able to live an active near-normal and independent life again; hopefully, returning to work."

Mr Lewis, of the Royal London hospital, will give details of the planned trial at an international meeting of cardiologists in London next week. The trial will assess the quality of life, survival of patients and costs compared with medical therapy. Half the patients will be given the titanium device, developed in America and costing up to £30,000. The others will get drugs and intensive care.

Many patients waiting for a heart transplant die because of a shortage of donor organs, John Dark, head of the transplant unit at the Freeman hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, said yesterday.

# Yaroooh! Bunter is back

By PHILIP HOWARD, LITERARY EDITOR

YAROOOH! you beasts. Look out Bunter is back. The Fat Owl of the Remove is being republished, with Mr Quelch, Harry Wharton, and the rest of the famous five at Greyfriars.

Along with Falsaff and Mr Pickwick, Bunter is one of the overweight comic characters of Eng. Lit. and formed the sense of humour and (bizarre) ideas about public school for generations of children who never went there. George Orwell wrote that Bunter and his creator Frank Richards had more influence on the mind and outlook of young working-class England than any other single person, not excluding Baden-Powell.

But Bunter has been out of print for so long that the young have never heard of him, and look at you blankly when you mention his name. Hawk Books are tomorrow relaunching the yellow-jacketed novels of the famous anti-hero, in his bulging sponge-bag trousers, as they originally appeared in the Fifties.

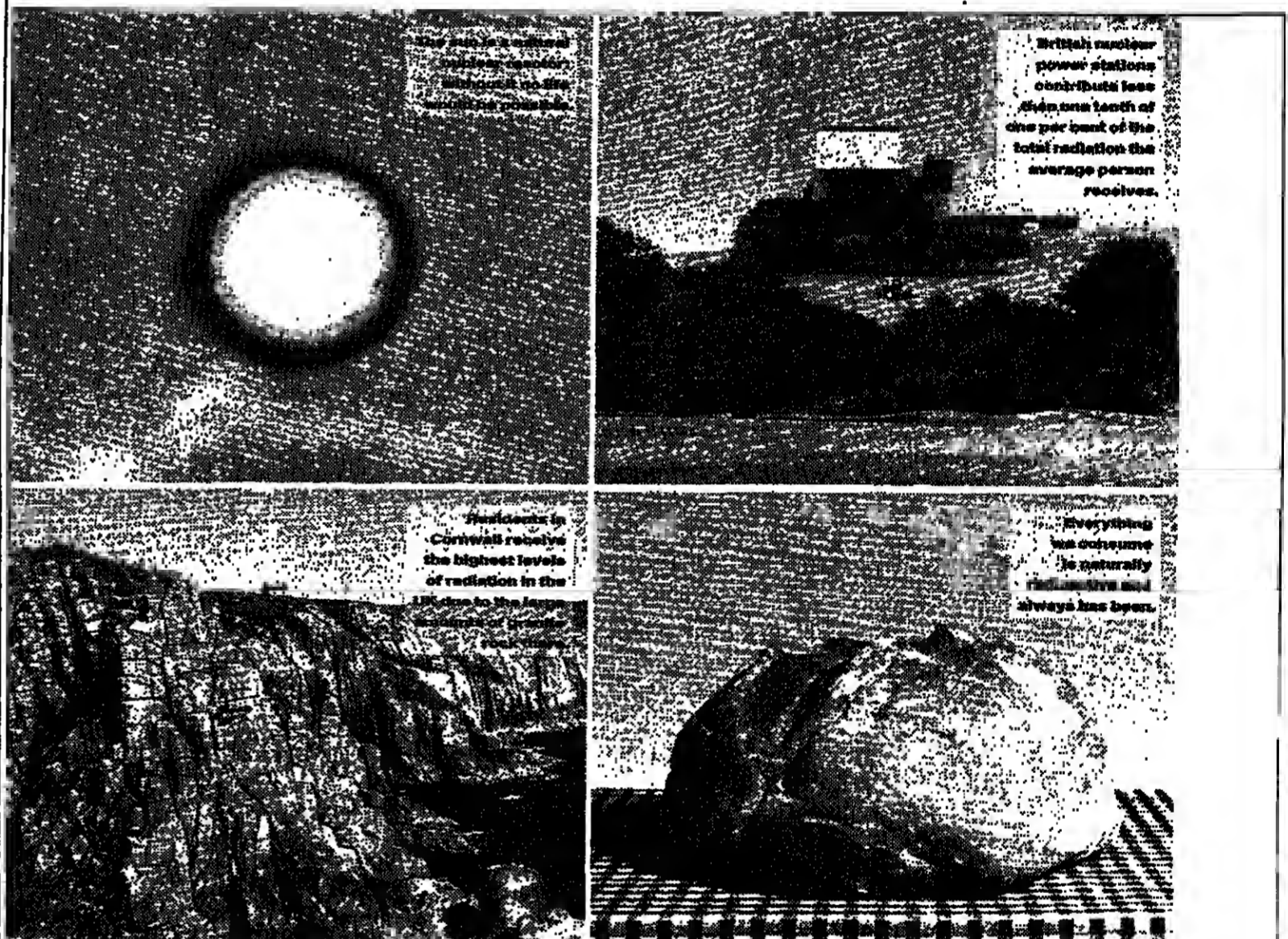
Bunter, of course, has been with us for much longer than that. He made his first appearance on February 15, 1908, as a minor comic-strip character in *Magnet*. But he rapidly became a national institution. He is lazy, untidy, deceitful, a thief, and always hard-up. Children loved him.

He first graduated from comics into books in 1947. Those Bunters are now much treasured and an original fetches at least £80. But you cannot keep a fat boy down in the land of nostalgia. He is due for a



renaissance, no doubt still expecting a postal order any day now. He was the child of Frank Richards, pen name of Charles Harold St John Hamilton, the most prolific author in the long grind of scribbling. This reclusive classical scholar, using more than 20 pen names, inventing over 100 fictional schools, wrote more than 72 million words of fiction in his lifetime, the equivalent of 1,000 novels. But his imperishable creation is William George (Billy) Bunter, who has passed into the common stock of language and image, and occupies a (wide) seat in the hall of English literature.

Hawk Books will publish facsimiles of all 38 original Bunters starting tomorrow.



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# Whose finger will be on Channel 3's control button?



Dyke: one of the five possible contenders

THE person who will have more influence over what appears on the new Channel 3 than any of yesterday's winners has yet to be chosen. Even the criteria by which the successful candidate will decide which programmes to buy and when to broadcast them, come 1993, is as yet undetermined.

The winning independent television companies have three months to devise an independent central scheduling system that will deprive them of their right, held for 35 years, to schedule their own programmes. Only next spring will they be ready to hire the person who will have the power to pick and choose from the offerings of the 15 regional Channel 3 companies, as well as Britain's 800 independent producers. Under the 1990 Broadcasting Act, none of the

winners will be able to guarantee that the dramas, comedies and documentaries promised in their applications will materialise on the national independent network.

Nor can they prevent those who have defeated, such as Thames and TVS, from selling their own programmes to the network as independents. Though Thames lost its licence, programmes such as *The Bill* and *This Week* will still appear on the small screen after 1993 if the central scheduler wants them.

The search for that all-important scheduler has already begun, but with Michael Grade tied to Channel 4 with £500,000 "golden handcuffs", the successful candidate is likely to be poached from a big ITV company - winner or loser. Names bandied about include: Greg Dyke,

### Melinda Wittstock reports on the need for an influential and powerful central television scheduler and, below, looks at the winners in the great franchise auction

managing director of London Weekend and a major backer of Sunrise; Andy Allan, managing director of Central Broadcasting; Steve Morrison, director of programmes at Granada; Charles Denton, managing director of Zenith Productions; and David Elstein, director of programmes at Thames.

Before anyone will agree to take the job, they will want to see the job description. Disagreement is expected among winners and independent producers on how much power the central scheduler should be given. During a Royal Tele-

vision Society debate on central scheduling last month, Andrew Quinn, managing director of Granada, said new licences "should not surrender their sovereignty" to the central scheduler. But independent producers disagree. Mr Denton, one of the likely candidates, said the central scheduler must have executive decision-making power outside the independent television companies' direct control if independents are to get a fair hearing.

If yesterday's winners fail to agree on the new system by

January 31 1992, as is feared, the Independent Television Commission will impose a new system. The Office of Fair Trading, which wants independent television networking arrangements opened up to public scrutiny, has until next July satisfy itself that the new arrangements are fair and open.

Three months is not long to establish the system by which independent television's success will be guaranteed or lost. Disputes are expected over the size, structure and location of the central scheduling unit, as well as whether independents may completely bypass the independent television companies and take their proposals direct to the central scheduler.

Leslie Hill, chief executive of Central Television which retained its licence unopposed, said: "It is

very unlikely 15 separate companies will agree. We think the system will have to be imposed."

Either way, the winners will have difficulty agreeing on the size of their contributions to the annual network budget, likely to be set at the present rate of £450 million in the first year. Central, which paid just £2,000 a year, will have a hard time agreeing with, for instance, Yorkshire, which bid £37.7 million a year. A decision by leading licensees to cut expenditure could mean the difference between 200 hours of original network drama and 110 hours of drama with 90 hours of repeats.

LONDON WEEKDAY

## Slimline victor will create wave of change

MICHAEL Green has long coveted Thames Television's lucrative franchise. The chairman of Carlton Communications, which yesterday ousted Thames in the biggest upset of the auction, has looked forward to this day since 1985, when the Independent Broadcasting Authority blocked his £82.5 million takeover bid for Thames.

Six years ago the authority ruled that a Cartloo bid would lead to a "major change in the nature and characteristics" of a viable independent television company, but only after Richard Dunn, who had been managing director of Thames for just a week, asked the regulator to stop the bid.

It was that ruling, broadcasters say, that paved the way for yesterday's decision. Not only does Mr

its programmes, except regional news, from independent producers with proven records in drama, light entertainment, factual and current affairs programmes.

Paul Jackson, Carlton's programme director and an independent producer of alternative comedy programmes, said yesterday: "I'm delighted with this new opportunity for the independent sector. I have long believed that some of the best production ideas and creative talent comes from within the independent sector, where the quality of ideas are all that counts."

Carlton, which is offering more than 500 hours of new programmes to the ITV network in 1993, has already invested over £2 million in developing 70 new programmes from 30 independent production companies which between them have won 120 awards.

Much of Carlton's drama output will be supplied by Zenith, Carlton's 51 per cent-owned subsidiary, which produced *Inspector Morse*, *Byker Grove* and the acclaimed drama-documentary *Shoot To Kill*. Viewers can expect *Cleared for Takeoff*, an action drama series about airline security; *Body and Soul*, about a nun leaving her enclosed order; and *Routes*, an early evening soap opera created by Julia Smith, the producer of *EastEnders*, about two families in the transport business.

Comedy will be supplied by five independents: Hat Trick, makers of Channel 4's *Drop the Dead Donkey*; Noel Gay, Mr Jackson's company; Humphrey Barclay, who made *Demands*; Spitting Image; and Grant Naylor, maker of *Red Dwarf*. Carlton has commissioned a series of comedy dramas under the title *Comedy Playhouse*, and new satire shows being developed.

Carlton plans to replace *This Week*, Thames' 20-year-old current affairs programme, with *Seven Days*, a half-hour show made by Claudia Milne, whose company Twenty Twenty Vision made its reputation with investigative documentaries such as the award-winning *Island of Outcasts*, about mentally ill people incarcerated on a Greek island.

Regional programmes will run from 5.10pm to 6.30pm Monday to Thursday, with the *Carlton News Hour* starting at 5.30pm and enveloping ITN's *News at 5.40*. Regular regional bulletins will be broadcast through the day.

PROMISES: £80 million programme budget, eight hours of local programming weekly and 500 hours of network programming annually; will replace *This Week* with a new current affairs programme, *Seven Days*.

Green hate to lose, but his loss at the hands of the Thames management and the authority strengthened the resolve of the Thatcher government to break up what it perceived to be a cosy insiders' club with a cold draft of deregulation.

Mr Greco is already very much a part of that club. His Buckinghamshire millhouse was filled with the who's who of the British broadcasting establishment last year when he married Tessa Buckmaster, who works for Carlton Communications. His close friends Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, and Alan Yentoh, controller of BBC2, sat with the couple at the head table. John Birt, deputy director-general of the BBC, and David Elstein, director of programmes at Thames, also attended.

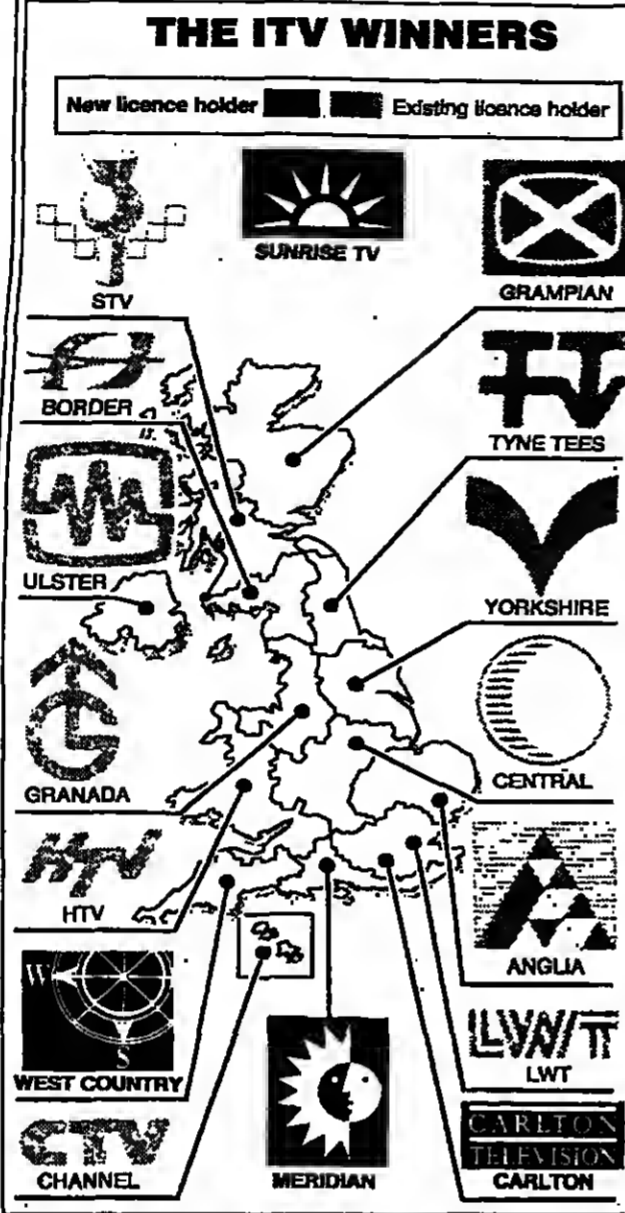
With yesterday's news, Mr Green, aged 42, one of Britain's wealthiest men with a personal fortune of £50 million, becomes one of the club's most powerful members. He is likely to become still richer now that he can add British commercial television's largest lucrative franchise to the £1 billion television production, facilities and editing company he founded in 1973. Carlton also has a 30 per cent stake in Central, which retained its licence unopposed with a bid of just £2,000 a year.

Mr Green has the tenacity and business acumen that has been lacking in the television industry. He stands ready to revolutionise the independent television system in a way even he might not have contemplated back in 1985.

The awarding of the largest ITV licence to Carlton, whose £43.2 million outbid Thames by £10.7 million, will create waves of structural change throughout television, forcing thousands of programme makers out of secure jobs.

Unlike Thames, which proposed to retain its studios and its 1,300 employees to remain a large programme maker as well as a broadcaster, Cartloo chose an altogether different formula, which let it keep its cost base low enough to outbid Thames and still convince the commission it could put quality programmes on the air. Carlton, which will employ just 400 people, will buy in all

headquarters with the news that Sunrise TV, in which LWT has a 20 per cent stake, displaced TV-am to win the national breakfast licence. Sunrise's other shareholders include Walt Disney, Scottish Television and Guardian Newspapers, publishers of *The Guardian* and *Manchester Evening News*.



Region	Winner	Losers
National Breakfast (54.8m viewers)	Sunrise TV Bid £24.6m	LWT (20%)/Scottish TV (20%)/Guardian & Manchester Evening News (15%)/Walt Disney (15%)/50% to be placed with institutional shareholders
London weekday (10.57m viewers)	Carlton Television Bid £43.2m	Thames (incumbent, £32.5m)/CPV-TV (£45.3m, failed quality)
London weekend (10.57m viewers)	LWT (incumbent) Bid £7.58m	Institutional investors
South and Southeast (5.044m viewers)	Meridian Broadcasting Bid £26.5m	MAI (65%)/Central TV (20%)/SelectTV (15%)
Midlands (9.2m viewers)	Central Independent Broadcasting Bid £2,000	Carlton (18.4%)/D C Thomson & Co (19.2%)
North West (6.33m viewers)	Granada Television (incumbent) Bid £2m	Granada Group (100%)
Yorkshire (5.43m viewers)	Yorkshire Television (incumbent) Bid £27.7m	Institutional investors
East of England (3.858m viewers)	Anglia Television (incumbent) Bid £17.8m	Institutional investors
Wales and the West (4.288m viewers)	HTV (incumbent) Bid £20.5m	Phillips & Drew (9.5%)/FMR Corp (6%)/Barclays Bank (7.8%)
South West England (1.52m viewers)	Westcountry Television Bid £7.8m	Associated Newspapers (20%)/Edmund Farries (15%)/South West Water (20%)/Tison (10%)
Northern Ireland (1.4m viewers)	Ulster Television (incumbent) Bid £1.02m	Institutional investors
North East (2.852m viewers)	Tyne Tees Television (incumbent) Bid £15.1m	Institutional investors
North Scotland (1.096m viewers)	Grampian Bid £20,000	Local businessmen
Borders (823,000 viewers)	Border Television Bid £32,000	Local businessmen
Central Scotland (3,557m viewers)	Scottish Television Bid £2,000	Cheese Nominees (8%)/Scottish Amicable (7%)/Philcrow Nominees (6.7%)/Bank of Scotland (6.6%)
Channel Islands (135,000 viewers)	Channel Television (incumbent) Bid £1,000	Channel Islands Communications (100%)

SOUTH COAST

## Now for someone quite familiar

INDEPENDENT television viewers in what is the richest regional area in Britain will already be familiar with one of the stars the company plans to promote.

Meridian's board, which includes the actor Michael Palin, Bill Cotton, the former BBC Television managing director, and Sir Richard Luce, the former arts minister, raised £36.5 million funding to win the bid and draw up its co-ordinating schedules.

Palin, who is to Kenya making a travel programme, said: "I joined with the zebras, giraffes, hyenas and greater kudus in rejoicing at this wonderful news. Our approach was serious, practical and realistic and it paid off."

The company says it will create three new broadcasting regions in place of the current two in the South and South-East of England. It aims to develop programmes with performers who include Robbie Coltrane, Rowan Atkinson and Tracey Ullman. The company is 65 per cent owned by the financial and information services group MAI, 20 per cent by the successful Midlands bidder Central TV and 15 per cent by the independent producer SelectTV.

Meridian South-East will cover Kent, East Sussex and parts of Surrey and Essex.

PROMISES: to commission network dramas and comedies from independents; create three news regions, based in Maidstone, Southampton and Newbury, each with its own nightly news bulletin and current affairs magazine.

BREAKFAST TIME

## Sunrise offers good cheer and more information

GOOD morning Britain. It's fun and here is the news just about everyone in the television industry expected: Sunrise TV, the consortium offering "a cheerful morning with a bit more information behind it", has displaced TV-am as the new national breakfast contractor.

Cartoons will disappear from the weekday screen in 1993, to be replaced by children's news and current affairs bulletins. Sunrise, backed by LWT, Scottish TV, Walt Disney and *The Guardian*, won the lucrative licence after outbidding both TV-am, Britain's most profitable station, and Daybreak, its ITN and *Daily Telegraph*-backed rival, with a cash offer of £34.6 million.

TV-am's sofas may be replaced by the Sunrise ovel breakfast table, but the ovel morning programme, *Daybreak*, will continue in TV-am's cheerful, lively vein. "We are appealing to the current viewers whom we don't want to lose," said Liz Howell, Sunrise's director of programmes. "But we will attract the large numbers of people who don't watch breakfast television at all with more news and more information."

Unlike Daybreak, TV-am's other challenger, Sunrise felt it would be risky to tamper too much with TV-am's highly successful format. "It would be a big mistake to jerk it upmarket," said Michael Bramham, a non-executive director of Sunrise and independent producer who will supply Sunrise's Sunday morning current affairs magazine, *SundayBreak*, as well as its 8:50am weekday magazine, *Daybreak Plus*. "The audience out there is mostly downmarket, mostly women and mostly outside London," Mr Bramham said.

Sunrise promises viewers a rolling news programme, with local news, weather and traffic "opt-outs" (area transmissions) for the 18 ITV regions and sub-regions. Regional ITV companies will supply six three-minute bulletins every weekday. Independent producers will provide a daily regional feature for each of the 18 opt-outs, while *Live Link* will bring a live outside broadcast each morning.

Children will get their own news bulletins at 7:20am every morning with children's programmes, including Disney cartoons dominating Saturday mornings. From 8:50am on weekdays, when 70 per cent of the breakfast audience are women, *Daybreak Plus* will contain features ranging from health, diet, stress and yoga to education and reviews of books, films and videos.

PROMISES: national and international news plus local news, weather and traffic for 18 regions; health, education, and arts on *Daybreak Plus* later in morning; Children's cartoons at weekend only.

SOUTHWEST

## Highlight on news for region

THE backbone of Westcountry Television's successful bid for the Southwest region was the provision of news and current affairs programmes for the area.

The company, whose principal shareholders include Associated Newspapers, Brittany Ferries and South West Water, has John Boham, CBI director-general, as chairman-designate and has submitted a planning application to build studios in Plymouth.

Frank Coppelstone, aged 66, the company's deputy chairman, was managing director of Southern TV, which lost its licence to TVS in the last round of franchise awards two years ago.

He is a broadcasting veteran, having entered the TV industry in 1957 after leaving the army. Colleagues say he is a born leader. He was president of the National Union of

Students during his time at Nottingham University and who serving in the army helped others after being wounded on the Normandy beaches.

Mr Coppelstone, aged 66, acted quickly by yesterday recruiting John Presscott-Thomas, the BBC's regional head. The company has already recruited LWT's Richard Myers and TV-am's Jane Clarke. Full details of schedules are still secret, but two subjects to be screened will be sailing and rugby.

Among the first tasks for WCT is to find an emblem to market a corporate image representing its image for the South-West, but the involvement of South West Water PLC and Associated Newspapers in the new company has already led to local criticism. South West Water is seen as a controversial backer, in light of the highly publicised Camelford water poisoning incident in North Cornwall and Associated Newspapers owns large parts of the local press.

PROMISES: regional news opt-outs for Truro, Exeter and Barnstaple; more coverage on education, health, crime prevention, environment and transport; more weekend news.

LONDON WEEKEND

## Golden handcuffs unlock fortunes

EXECUTIVES of London Weekend Television were well on their way to becoming millionaires yesterday as its shares climbed on the news that they had succeeded in retaining their franchise with a much smaller than expected cash bid.

LWT bid £7.58 million compared with the £35.4 million tendered by London Independent Broadcasting, a consortium of high-powered London independent producers which failed to pass the quality threshold.

Under a "golden handcuff" bonus and share option scheme introduced two years ago to ensure the loyalty of 44 key executives, Christopher Bland, the chairman, and Greg Dyke, the managing director, almost trebled their money as LWT shares jumped 53p to 198p yesterday.

But it is not just the executives who get 14.7 per cent of the company - they include Melvyn Bragg, the arts

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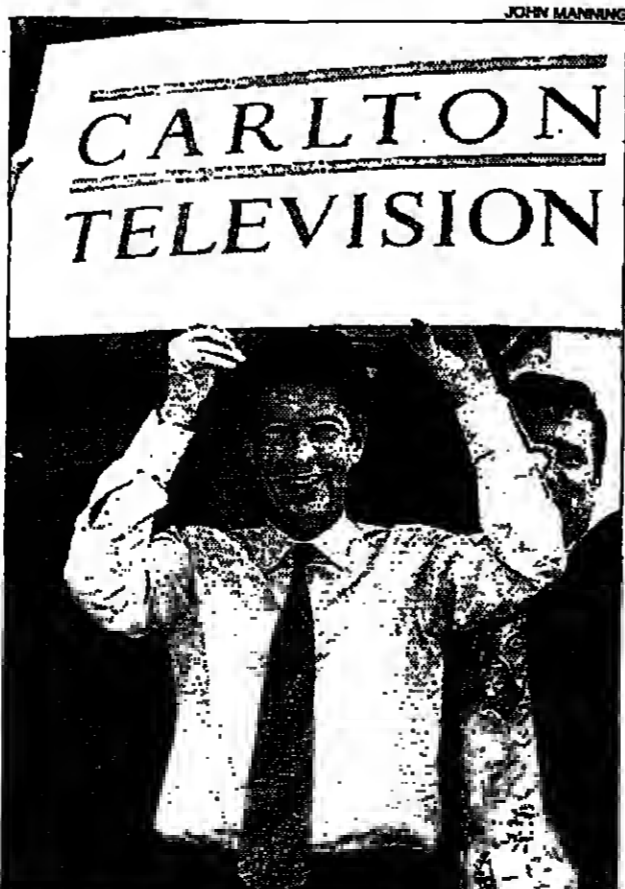
## Central poised to be leading player

CENTRAL Independent Television stands to become the most powerful player in the ovel Channel 3.

The station gambled with the blind bidding procedure and won: it put in a bid of just £2,000 a year, guessing correctly that it would be unopposed to the bidding. The cost at 1993 prices amounts to just over £5 a day.

Central, the second largest ITV company with an audience of nine million, now has the chance to become the most profitable. Best known for *Inspector Morse* and *Spitting Image*, Central has the financial muscle to make it the biggest contributor to the national network.

Yesterday's news that Meridian Broadcasting had displaced TVS in the South and South-East was welcome news for Central, which has a 20 per cent share in Meridian. Meawoblie, Carlton Communications, which yesterday displaced Thames,



Happy day: Michael Green, Carlton's non-executive chairman, in winning mood

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# Thames, a wounded Phoenix, takes flight into production

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

LOSS of a commercial television franchise used to mean certain death at the hands of a liquidator. Now, fortunately for yesterday's losers, it promises a new life in a different incarnation.

Months before the Independent Television Commission confirmed industry speculation that Thames Television would lose its licence to Carlton, Thames executives had put together a confidential contingency plan.

It will involve at least 1,000 redundancies, but Thames will emerge as Europe's most powerful independent producer and programme distributor, it claimed yesterday. Under the plan, Thames will close its Euston headquarters but keep open its Teddington studios, and concentrate entirely on producing peak-time popular hits such as *Minder*, *The Bill* and *This Is Your Life*.

These, along with other programmes in its 9,000-hour library, will be sold to independent television and the BBC. "We can be more profitable this way," Thames said. Being forced out of broadcasting will save £32.5 million a year in bid payments, about £30 million a year in advertising revenue taxes and about £10 million in transmitter costs. With staff reduced from 1,300 to just 200 or 300, Thames's overheads will be cut significantly.

Thorn EMI, its biggest

shareholder with 56 per cent, pledged last night to stand by Thames to help it to develop into a powerful US-style studio - a home for writers and producers who would be "unpublished" under the Thames name. Thames will also consider launching one or two channels on Astra, the Luxembourg-based satellite via which BSkyB broadcasts.

However, to succeed in a brave new world of independent status will require a complete change in management attitudes. Robin Foster, media consultant at the National Economic Research Association, said: "Thames is not used to competition in network supply, they will need to readjust the way they operate. They may need to form liaisons with others in Europe to bring in such expertise."

There is life after death for yesterday's other losers, although none will find it so easy as Thames. TV-am, which lost to Sunrise, hopes to move its popular breakfast programme onto Channel 4 in 1993. Although Liz Forgan, Channel 4's director of programmes, ruled out the proposal last month, Michael Grade, the chief executive, is understood still to be interested.

TV-am, which now reaches 70 per cent of the breakfast audience, could greatly increase Channel 4's morning ratings as its loyal 17 million

viewers switched channels. The move would bring Channel 4 about £20 million in extra revenue each year, but could impair the financial health of Sunrise, which bid £34.6 million to unseat TV-am. The breakfast channel's other options include joining a consortium bidding for the new Channel 5 as its news provider, or linking up with Sky News, the 24-hour news channel.

The other losers - TVS and TSW - could turn themselves into regionally based independents, merging with others to become more powerful programme suppliers. By 1994, when takeover restrictions are abandoned, they could take over a winning Channel 3 licence.

TVS, however, has already told its shareholders that its "preferred strategy" will be to wind the company up. TSW, worth little more than the break-up value of its assets, is also likely to be wound up by its shareholders.

## Anger and tears as losers hear news

By JAMIE DETTMER

NEVER have so many journalists got so wet for so little. As the scrums of reporters and photographers waited impatiently outside Thames Television and TV-am yesterday, only the traffic wardens seemed happy to work in the downpour, placing tickets on the press cars.

"Go away," a ferocious guard at TV-am said when he was asked whether reporters were allowed inside. "Go away," said an equally aggressive doorman at Thames's headquarters in Euston Road, London.

Few staff at either company were keen to talk to reporters immediately after the news broke that the Independent Television Commission had turned down their bids. Many felt that the newspapers were partly responsible for the changes in the franchise system. "The feeling is that the newspapers egged on the government in its reform plans and supported ministers when they attacked controversial programmes darling Mrs Thatcher's time in office," a Thames News journalist said. Most of Thames's 1,400 staff



Studio exit: Trish Ingrams, the Thames presenter, leaving yesterday

heard that they had lost the bid shortly before 10am from a report on ITN. "We were stunned," said a television researcher, who, like her colleagues, did not want to be named.

"The last few days have been rather exciting as we have waited to find out what would happen. The atmosphere has been a bit like

Christmas. But the present is rather horrible." A few people cried, although many looked misty-eyed.

Shortly before 10.30, hundreds of the staff gathered in studio five to listen to Richard

Dunn, Thames's chief executive. Others remained at their posts and heard his statement on the firm's circuit television system. Mr

Dunn told them that the new franchise system was unfair. He warned them that a thousand jobs would have to go by 1993 but the company would survive as Britain's largest independent production firm.

Most of the questions Mr Dunn was asked by staff were hostile and fears were expressed about redundancy terms. Even so, the chief

executive was applauded at the end of the meeting. "I think it was the herd habit. They thought they were a studio-audience, I suspect," a staff-member said.

At a small wake in the nearby Prince of Wales's Feathers pub, most of the talk was about job prospects. "If this had happened two years ago, it would have been okay, there were a lot of jobs in television around then," a young man said to a group of depressed-looking people. "No I wou' have a double, I've still got to get a programme out," someone shouted over the crowded bar.

A mile away in Camden, north London, TV-am staff also decided to drown their sorrows. In the Oxford Arms, there was laughter and tears. There was also anger, with staff complaining that TV-am's bid was too low, a claim made by Thames staff as well.

At the studios, David Frost, a TV-am presenter and one of the founders of the station, left in a Rolls-Royce saying "there is great sadness". He continued: "When I was at school I was told the important thing was not winning but taking part. I did not believe it then and I certainly do not believe it now."

Ulrika Jansson, the station's weather forecaster, said: "It's a tragedy. The whole affair is dreadful. It's a very, very sad day, but you should not be worrying about me, you should worry about the viewers."

## Redmond astonished by defeat

By RONALD FAUX

PHIL Redmond, the chief executive of North West Television, whose £35 million bid for the Granada franchise was rejected in favour of a £9 million bid by the incumbent, said he was astonished and disappointed when the decision reached his Liverpool headquarters yesterday.

North West had spent more than £1 million on making its bid and legal action would be considered, he told a press conference. "Our board meets on Friday and it will be discussed then," he said.

Mr Redmond, who is head of Mersey Television, which has *Grange Hill* and *Waterfront Beat* on BBC1 and *Brookside* on Channel 4, said that North West seemed to have cleared Beechers Brook only to fall at the water jump. He was surprised that other companies had cleared the quality threshold whereas North West had not.

The choice of Granada when the two bids were so wide apart was "a bit odd". He added: "Looking at our regional proposals, they were so exceptional, so innovative, much higher than anyone anywhere else in the system has put forward. The decision is just astounding."

## TVS may take legal action

By PETER VICTOR

TVS was considering legal action yesterday over the Independent Television Commission's decision not to grant it a franchise, and union members at its Southampton headquarters expressed regret and disappointment.

The company said that it was considering its options, including the possibility of asking for a judicial review of the ITC decision. Rudolph Agnew, the TVS chairman, said: "We are surprised and bitterly disappointed that the licence has not been awarded to TVS Television. TVS Television had prepared its application with great care and with full regard for the ITC's requirements."

Steve Harris, chairman of the joint shop stewards committee, issued a written statement saying: "We particularly regret that this is the result of a grossly inequitable and unjust system of allocation." He criticised the government's handling of the bidding process and claimed it was part of a broader attack on broadcast media.

Staff leaving work in sombre mood said they had been ordered not to speak to the press. Management also declined to comment.

## Game show with win or bust result

By PETER BARNARD

IN THE half hour before the announcement of the commercial television franchises yesterday morning, the independent television network transmitted a quiz called *Jeopardy!* As if the title were insufficiently ironic, the format consisted of people being given the answers and scoring points by supplying the questions, which some independent television regard as a fair description of the blind bidding process.

One answer not included in the programme was "TVS". The question that goes with it is: "Who makes *Jeopardy!* for the independent television network?" At 10am came an ITN bulletin confirming that, for TVS, *Jeopardy!* was a reality as well as a game show.

How many great programmes, or at least much loved favourites, are to be lost with the disappearance of Thames, TV-am, TVS and TSW? Thames, which took the likes of *Beany Hill*, *Tommy Cooper*, *Eric Sykes*, *The Bill* and *Minder* to international fame, will continue as a production company, so its established programmes look secure. Whether this applies to *The Sooty Show* is open to question. And whether Thames

will continue to make *Strike it Lucky*, the Michael Barrymore showcase, may largely depend on the company and the network retaining a sense of humour.

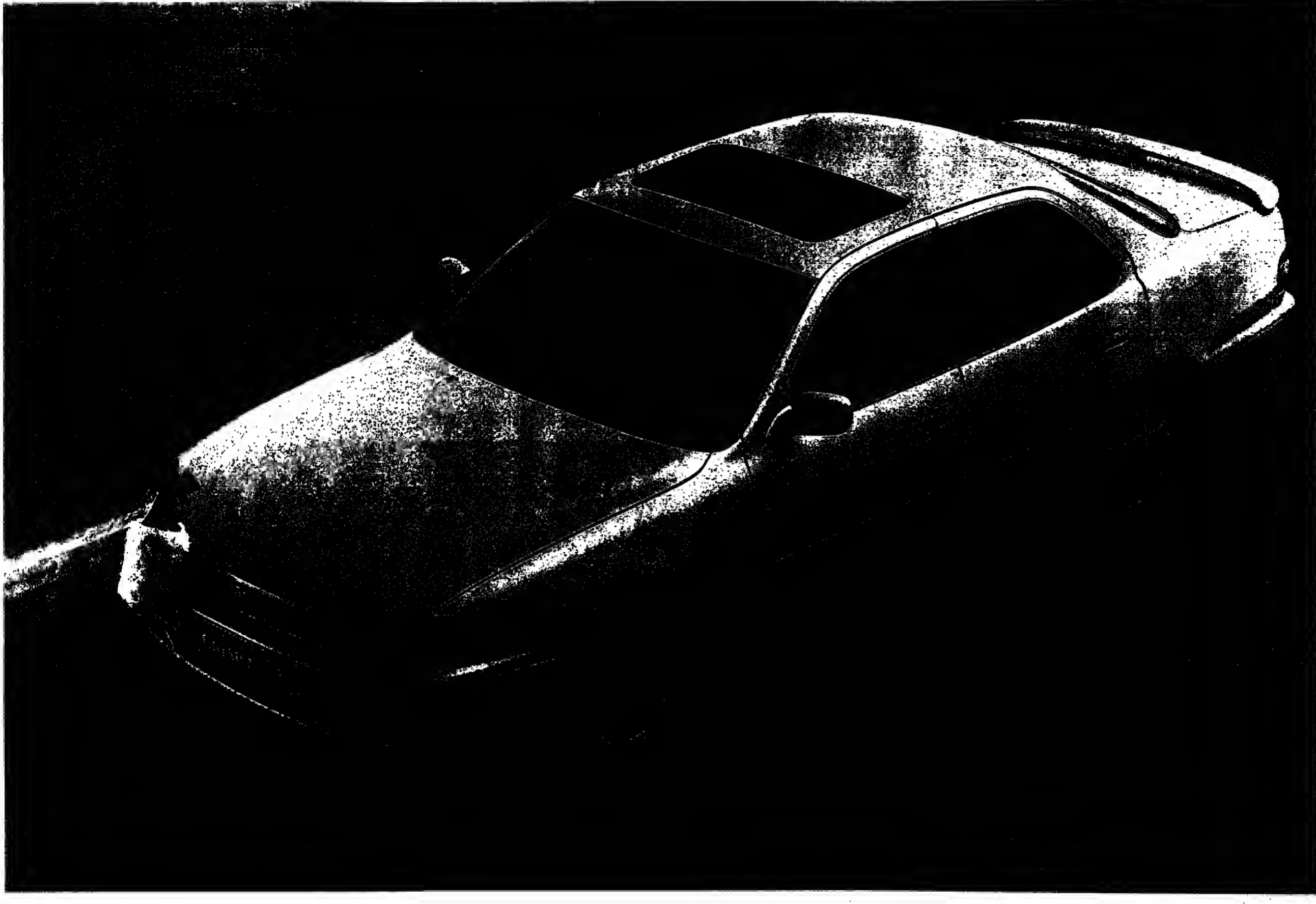
TSW, one of the smallest franchises, has not been very visible on the network, but TV-am is another matter. It is, of course, famed for making Anne Diamond and for featuring David Frost, who, with Angela Rippon and Michael Parkinson, launched the ship into stormy financial waters.

The latter two have long since lowered their profiles (that is, gone into radio too). Frost, who conducts Sunday morning interviews for TV-am, would survive on the 13th floor of a building suffering from concrete cancer erected on the San Andreas fault; the failure of his consortium is a mere blip.

Today, at Claridge's, TV-am gives its annual awards for television critics. This is not billed as a black-tie event, but shows every sign of being sombre. On Sunday, independent television screens *The Human Factor*, a network contribution from TVS. This week's programme is sub-titled "Back to where we belong". Is that a question or an answer?

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Party anxious to avoid embarrassment in November 7 poll

Labour may bar Scargill ally from key by-election

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A CLOSE ally of Arthur Scargill may be blocked by Labour chiefs today from representing the party in the imminent by-election at Hemsworth in Yorkshire, one of three contests being held in a "mini-general-election" on November 7.



Hattersley: member of committee that will closely examine candidates

Senior Labour figures believe that Mr Capstick could be a liability in the by-election because of his close identification with the NUM president, an implacable opponent of Neil Kinnock. While Labour is certain to hold one of its safest seats irrespective of the candidate, leaders fear he might harm the party's chances in the other two by-elections on the same day, at Kincardine and Deeside, and Langbaugh where it is trying to overturn a small Co-operative majority.

MPs will see 'Iraq export' firms

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs ARE to question British firms that exported nuclear, chemical and other potentially lethal equipment to Iraq in the months before President Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait.

At a private meeting yesterday, the Commons trade and industry committee also decided to call trade officials next month to explain how sensitive equipment was licensed for export by the department despite the arms embargo agreed in 1985 in reaction to the Iran-Iraq war.

The MPs decided the outline programme for their revised enquiry into exports to Iraq yesterday, focusing in the coming months on the exporting firms named by the trade department during the summer recess.

Two firms involved in building the alleged Iraqi supergun, Walter Somers and Sheffield Forgemasters, and officials from Customs and Excise, which seized parts of the equipment, will be questioned by the all-party committee before the end of the year. A list of licensed exports, including depleted uranium, radar equipment and fast assault craft, was given to the committee by the department in July.

Mr Lilley dismissed the ensuing dispute as a "fuss about nothing". However, later he issued a full list of the licensed firms and dates.

The detailed information confirmed that Britain exported equipment to Iraq which enhanced Saddam Hussein's military capability but did not appear to contribute to the build-up of nuclear or chemical weapons.

Scots regiments feel betrayed, says Whitelaw

By JOHN WINDER

VISCOUNT Whitelaw the former deputy prime minister, said last night that Scottish regiments felt betrayed and disillusioned by the loss of battalions and amalgamations in the defence reorganisation.

Viscount Whitelaw, once an officer in the Scots Guards, which is losing a battalion, hoped for a rethink during the phasing in of the changes. He was speaking in a defence debate in the House of Lords.

"I hope that there will not be, in the Ministry of Defence, a sort of obstinate determination to cling to the present plans whatever the changes in circumstances may be."

He was cheered on all sides when he said that when it came to the army, there must be anxiety, particularly since so many of Mr King's decisions were being so widely questioned. The new infantry battalions had to be found without overstretching units and there must be no question of robbing Peter to pay Paul.

"Those of us who are anxious about the present reductions in infantry battalions may well be wrong but as there are many far more knowledgeable than me who appear to feel like this, I hope Mr King will be ready, at least, to accept that we may be proved right."

Whatever cynics might say, many of those connected with the Scottish regiments, at all levels, felt betrayed and disillusioned. "If, therefore, in the years immediately ahead there is a good reason to change some of these plans, I do hope it will be taken - for the future of the army will be much improved if the regimental spirit can be fully maintained."

Lord Bramall, former chief of defence staff, said that the final screws on defence cuts were being attributed by the services to Treasury pressure which defence ministers and senior officers had been unable to resist. He said that if ministers continued to deny that, he could easily show that it was so.

Opening the debate, the Earl of Arran, a junior defence minister, said that the decisions the government had taken about the British contribution to Nato had been the principal factor leading to decisions about the most appropriate size of the army for the Nineties.

In a maiden speech, Lord

Cheshire, VC, the wartime bomber ace, said that they should move towards the day when there was a UN disaster relief force or capability.

In a maiden speech, the Duke of Westminster, said that the TA needed proper and sustainable funding for the training and facilities required.

Lord Carver, former chief of the defence staff, said that the government proposals were a sensible plan for the next five years. "It is an interim plan to cover a period of profound changes in Europe. Until we can see where these changes are leading us, it is right for the government to be cautious."

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Timeshare action promised

The government hopes that the European Commission will publish a directive on timeshare schemes before Christmas, Edward Leigh, consumer affairs minister, said at question time. When time permits, the Trade Descriptions Act will be amended to bring timeshare promotions within its ambit, he said.

He rejected allegations from Labour that the government had been slow to act.

Car exports

Car exports in the first eight months of the year exceeded 400,000, an increase of 82 per cent on the corresponding period last year, Tim Sainsbury, trade minister, said in a written reply.

Bill defeated

A bill to disqualify MPs who are sent to prison for deliberately breaking the law was defeated in the Commons by 104 votes to 91 after being opposed by Dave Nellist, Labour MP for Coventry South East.

New peer

Marshal of the RAF Sir David Craig was introduced in the House of Lords as Lord Craig of Radley just before the annual debate on the defence estimates. He is the retired chief of the defence staff.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions; Treasury, prime minister. Debate on public accounts committee reports. Lords (3): Debate on the common agricultural policy.

Confidence 'sinking'

LABOUR launched a bitter attack on government industrial policy last night and claimed that falling company donations to the Tory party were an indication of dwindling confidence.

But Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, accused the Opposition of denigrating Britain. Good news for the country was bad news for Labour, he said.

Opening a Commons debate, Gordon Brown, shadow industry secretary, cited figures showing a decline in investment, output and employment. He spoke of a permanent crisis of manufacturing capability.

Mr Lilley said of Mr Brown: "He glooms on gloom. What makes him genuinely gloomy is any sign of good news." He added: "He is the sort of person who is banned from the local wine bar during happy hour."



Lord Cheshire: proposed UN disaster relief force

Pay inequality 'costing women £21bn a year'

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

WOMEN are losing £21 billion each year because of pay inequality between the sexes, the Labour party said yesterday.

In an analysis based on government figures, Labour said that a female manual worker's average gross weekly earnings represented 62.9 per cent of those of a similar male worker.

Women from all over the country lobbied Parliament yesterday to protest about the gap between pay for men and for women. Labour said that in government it would introduce a new sex equality act, which would strengthen women's rights to claim equal pay for work of equal value and would allow women working in sex-segregated industries to claim equal pay.

Using data from the employment department's New Earnings Survey, which is now being published for 1991, a report commissioned by Labour from the Low Pay Unit pressure group showed that in a total wages bill of £279.24 billion, men earn £102.2 billion a year more than women.

Of that, Labour's report said that £59.76 billion was

due to the fact that men work longer hours. The other £42.44 billion was directly due to discrimination in areas such as shift payments and job gradings. The report said that if the labour market treated men and women equally, that

amount would be shared between them, producing a total cost from sex bias of £21.22 billion. Labour also showed that young women start being paid roughly the same as men, but that as they get older they enter a downward spiral in relation to men's earnings until they reach about 50.

Social fund in crisis, insists Meacher

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE fund intended to alleviate acute financial hardship among the poor is collapsing under the weight of spiralling claims triggered by the recession, Labour claimed yesterday from new figures.

Michael Meacher, the Opposition's social security spokesman, said that applications to the social fund had shot up this year, more people were being refused help and loan defaults were rising.

"The social fund is collapsing under the weight of growing poverty caused by the recession and Tory policies", he said. "It is not

meeting needs. Applications for loans are running at an annual rate of nearly two million.

Since 1988, because of cash limits, the number of claimants refused loans to which they are fully entitled has more than doubled. The number refused because they have not the resources to repay a loan has also doubled.

Speaking on the eve of today's Lords debate on the social fund, Mr Meacher said that lack of money was increasingly being cited by officials at benefit offices as a reason for refusing applications.

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# Senators tally electoral cost of Thomas case

SENATOR Robert Graham of Florida thought earlier this year that he might face a Republican challenge next year from General Norman Schwarzkopf, hero of Operation Desert Storm in the Gulf. That threat has temporarily faded, but Senator Graham, a member of the family which owns *The Washington Post*, was not taking any chances with the votes of the women's groups who are financially and politically so strong in the sunshine state.

As feminist lobbies shouted "We'll remember in November!" he cast his vote on Tuesday against confirming Clarence Thomas as a Supreme Court judge. So, too, did Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, who faces a tough election next year. Three other Democrats who had earlier been in favour also voted against, with Nevada being an especially happy hunting ground for the liberal lobbyists. Senator Harry Reid, who faces the electorate next year and Richard Bryan both changed their minds. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, whose re-election campaign is not until 1994, also switched to vote against Mr Thomas.

**Vulnerable men on Capitol Hill have opted to play safe with the voters, writes Peter Stothard from Washington**

All of them decided that money and support from liberal pressure groups was worth more than the support of black voters who favoured the Thomas nomination. Or, to put it another way, they reasoned that votes assured over were a more reliable currency than black votes which could be bought later.

As the senators of Washington survey the impact of the past few days on their political futures, certainty is still hard to find. The alliance of liberalism, women and blacks which overcame Robert Bork when he sought confirmation to the Supreme Court four years ago, has been shattered. But the position of the pieces is still unclear. The Democrats have the biggest mess to clear up, but the Republicans have no clear strategy yet for pressing home their advantage.

Eleven Democrats broke with their liberal party line to support Mr Thomas. John Breaux of Louisiana, Richard Shelby of Alabama, Wyche Fowler of Georgia and Ernest Hollings of South Carolina all depend on black votes and all face elections next year. For them the choice between liberal activists and the solidifying black support for Mr Thomas was tough, but even before Anita Hill's allegations of sexual harassment the choice was likely to have been the same.

A more dangerous decision - in favour of the nominee - was made by Charles Robb of Virginia who, after his own personal experience of facing allegations of sexual misconduct, expressed solidarity with Mr Thomas. An easier vote

for him would have been to stick with the liberal majority. Senators David Boren of Oklahoma, Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, Dennis DeConcini of Arizona, J.J. Exon of Nebraska, Alan Dixon of Illinois and Sam Nunn of Georgia took long-term decisions that a vote for Mr Thomas was safer than a vote against.

The Republicans who opposed the nominee, Robert Packwood of Oregon and James Jeffords of Vermont, did so on personal ideological grounds. Both had decided before the Hill allegations. Neither is likely to suffer.

The most threatened Republicans yesterday were those who actively worked to attack Professor Hill. Feminist groups have vowed to topple Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, who led the interrogation in the judiciary committee and faces an election campaign next year that was already close before the Thomas affair began. Senators Orrin Hatch of Utah and Al Simpson of Wyoming have messes to clear up, but the Republicans have no clear strategy yet for pressing home their advantage.

The Democrats face the problem of any defeated army, that of rallying their forces and explaining why they lost. Senator George Mitchell of Maine, the majority leader in the Senate, never seriously organised the campaign against Mr Thomas despite his sincere support of abortion rights which a conservative court is likely to overturn. He will have some difficulty explaining why he looked at the twisted landscape of sexual and racial politics and sat so feebly on the fence.

The Republicans, however, have to ask themselves how determined they really are to press home their advantage. Their chief problem is availability of serious, well-financed candidates to take on vulnerable Democrats in the Senate.



Nunn: long-term decision that a yes vote was safer

# Democrat rebels hold sway

FROM SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

THE 52-48 Senate vote on Judge Clarence Thomas's nomination to the Supreme Court fell into two clear partisan blocks, with all but two of the Republicans voting for his confirmation and all but 11 of its Democrats deciding against.

The bulk of the cross-over vote came from conservative Democrats in southern states, where white politicians were especially vulnerable among large black populations to Mr Thomas's charges of racism. "I think it was blatant intimidation," said Robert Byrd, a veteran Democrat senator from West Virginia. "And I'm sorry to say I think it worked."

The votes of members reflected the leanings of public opinion polls in their home areas. Among the dissident Democrats were John Breaux and Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, Wyche Fowler and Sam Nunn of Georgia, Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, Charles Robb of Virginia, Richard Shelby of Alabama, Dennis DeConcini of Arizona, James Exon of Nebraska, David Boren of Oklahoma and Alan Dixon of Illinois. Rejecting party loyalty were Republicans Bob Packwood of Oregon and James Jeffords of Vermont, who both represent liberal-minded constituents.

The White House lost three of 13 Democratic votes expected in Mr Thomas's favour before the sexual harassment charges, but it also gained an important swing from Mr Robb, whose own reputation was under a cloud recently.



Dressing down: Cher, left, is the unlucky winner of the worst dressed women awards bestowed by *Mr Blackwell's Worst 30 Years of Fashion Fiascos*, a book that inducts 10 celebrities into a dubious hall of fame. Rosanne Arnold came second in fashion gaffly Blackwell's list and the Queen came fourth. Blackwell, whose real name is Richard Sylvan Selzer, releases scathing wardrobe reviews every year. The 10 ladies in his book, with the designer's comments, are: 1. Cher: "From toes to nose, she's the tacky tattoo'd terror of the 20th century. A Bono-fide fashion fiasco of the legendary kind." 2. Rosanne Arnold: "Barr the jokes - Rambler! Rosy looks like an over-the-hill bowling ball in search of an alley." 3. Elizabeth Taylor: "The Cleopatra of Camp in schizophrenic fashions Taylor-made for the Titanic." Today she looks great as Mrs. Fortensky... but for the past 30 years she's been a reject from Minsky's. 4. The Queen: "God may save the queen - but that prehistoric wardrobe is fit for the Tower." 5. Barbara Streisand: "This schmaltzy Secondhand Rose is simply an evergreen atrocity." 6. Shelley Long: "The Queen of Camp in schizophrenic fashions Taylor-made for the Titanic." Today she looks great as Mrs. O'Coonor. (AP)

# Intruder shot dead on Israel border

Jerusalem - A man was shot dead when he tried to infiltrate Israel from Jordan, military sources said. An Israeli patrol spotted the man near the border at around midnight on Tuesday and Israeli and Jordanian soldiers opened fire.

It was not immediately clear who killed him. The body was discovered in no man's land on the western bank of the Yarmuk river. (Reuters)

**Oil strike threat**  
Algiers - Five unions representing thousands of workers in Hassi Messaoud, Algeria's biggest oil field, have threatened to go on strike on Tuesday over variations in pay and allowances. An oilfield source said that production should not be affected. (Reuters)

**UN flight denial**  
New York - Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, dismissed a claim by Iraq that Israeli planes which overflew its territory used UN helicopter flights as cover. "It is totally false and unjustified," Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said of the allegation. (Reuters)

**Security talks**  
Nicosia - Military chiefs of staff of the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council will meet in Oman on Monday to discuss forming a joint security force. (Reuters)

# Baker mission keeps on course

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

AFTER a marathon round of talks in Damascus with President Assad, James Baker, the United States Secretary of State, yesterday arrived in Israel having moved closer to his goal of convening the first full scale Arab-Israeli peace conference in Switzerland at the end of this month.

Mr Baker said before leaving for Jerusalem, "We are still on course to hold a peace conference in the month of October." In Washington, it was confirmed that President Bush and President Gorbachev may, as co-hosts, personally attend the ceremonial opening of the conference provisionally scheduled for October 29.

Mr Baker, who was greeted in Jerusalem by scores of angry Jewish settlers demonstrating against his mission, was expected to conclude outstanding details with Israeli and Palestinian leaders in two days of talks. He would then finalise the invitations for the conference when he meets Boris Pankin, his Soviet counterpart, due in Jerusalem today. "If everything is worked out, we would expect invitations to be issued early next week," said one Israeli official.

Yesterday Mr Baker, in talks with Faisal Husseini and Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian leaders, was attempting to settle the question of Palestinian representation. Palestinian sources in Jerusalem said that up to 20 possible delegates were under consideration by Mr Baker, who has promised Israel that no members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and no residents of Arab east Jerusalem will be represented.

"It seems that a compromise solution is in the works," said one informed Palestinian. He confirmed that two Palestinian delegations would travel to the conference. One, whose members are acceptable to Israel, will sit in a joint delegation with Jordan at the negotiating table, while the other team, outside the conference room, will instruct them. The compromise, which Israeli officials have not objected to, was expected to be debated in Tunis by the PLO's central council, which is due to give its response today.

Because of the security risk Palestinians in the occupied territories have been barred from entering Jerusalem until Friday. An Israeli military court yesterday sentenced Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the founder of Hamas, an Islamic group opposed to American peace efforts, to life imprisonment plus 15 years for ordering killings of Palestinians. He was originally charged with killing two Israeli soldiers, but the charge was dropped.

# Peace shuttler faces acid test

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER

ON SALE at the shop for James Baker's party at Cairo's Semiramia Hotel this week were bottles of the stomach medicine, Pepto-Bismol - a reminder in lurid pink of the physical as well as political problems that have dogged the American Secretary of State's struggle to convene a Middle East peace conference.

The difficulties were again in evidence in Damascus when talks with President Assad on Tuesday night dragged on for nearly nine hours. They resumed for more than five hours yesterday, involving yet another change in Mr Baker's programme and delaying his arrival in Israel.

Through it all Mr Baker, dapper in well cut suits, has maintained his puckish sense of humour. When forced to pass through the whole press corps on his way to President Mubarak's bathroom on Monday he answered to kind to the earthy double-entendres he had to endure. He has the loyalty of his staff plus strong backing from President Bush. "That, plus a growing belief that the Nobel peace prize may be within his grasp is what keeps him going," explained one member of the State Department press team.

Although Mr Baker's public image is cold, his advisers say he is avuncular in private and genuinely concerned with the problems such a hectic style of diplomacy imposes, including illnesses and strains on families. On his plane, the suit comes off and he relaxes in a flying jacket with his name embroidered on the front.

Mr Baker has long been regarded with greater suspicion by the Israelis than previous secretaries of state. American journalists who have travelled with him say that the feelings are justified. "There is no doubt the attitude of the Israelis has angered him, particularly their habit of matching his trips with the establishment of new settlements," one senior reporter said. "But the Palestinians have also infuriated him by their refusal to speak straightly and their insistence on withholding agreement about attending any conference until the 59th minute of the 11th hour."

The *Washington Post* said Mr Baker's past "recalls the board game where the trick is to tilt one ball into a hole without tipping another ball out". In recent days, he has consistently avoided playing up the obvious role of the Palestine Liberation Organisation has been playing behind the scenes.

"Whatever happens over the next 48 hours, he has raised expectations in the Arab world by his persistence and attitude," one Arab diplomat said. "I hesitate to think what will happen next if none of these are fulfilled."

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# Paris and Bonn push for EC superpower role

FRANCE and Germany yesterday unveiled their most ambitiously detailed scheme to turn the European Community into a political and military superpower during the 1990s, including a suggestion that the EC should represent optional governments in dealings with the Soviet Union and America.

France and Germany see the community as a global political and military force in the 1990s, George Brock writes from Brussels

A joint army brigade would be expanded, to perhaps 50,000 men, to form the "oucleus" of an independent European defence force.

The proposals from President Mitterrand of France and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, were laid out in a letter and draft treaty clauses sent to the Dutch government which is trying to finalise the EC's political and monetary union treaty before the Maastricht summit in eight weeks' time. The two leaders say Europe must take decisions to alter the EC's structure to show that its members "want to take greater responsibilities in the fields of security and defence". Among the recommendations, covering foreign and defence policy, are that:

□ Fields for "joint action" in foreign policy would include relations with the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and America. France and Germany say that "joint action" would be binding on national governments and should sometimes be decided by majority vote;

□ The EC would commit itself to a defence policy. To achieve this the community would absorb the nine-nation Western European Union, which would move from Paris to Brussels and create a military planning staff;

□ The symbolic Franco-Ger-

man joint army brigade would be expanded, to perhaps 50,000 men, to form the "oucleus" of an independent European defence force.

□ Although new EC arrangements would be "transparent and complementary" with Nato defence policy, EC defence could operate in the same areas as the existing Atlantic alliance. The EC would therefore have the means to form a powerful 12-state caucus inside Nato, which has 16 members.

The proposals leave many important practical details poorly defined. But this toughly worded treaty text released so close to the EC's summit is a direct political challenge to Britain, Italy and The Netherlands, whose ministers have emphasised at this year's treaty talks that EC defence can only be developed alongside Nato and should not encourage America to take its troops out of Europe.

German spokesmen yesterday played down any possible conflict with Bonn's existing commitments to Nato, recently reaffirmed by Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, in a joint communiqué with James Baker, the American Secretary

of state. Dieter Vogel, the Bonn government spokesman, said EC defence is a "long-term prospect". He said the scheme corresponded to the ideas of the American government.

A spokesman for President Mitterrand said foreign and defence policy should be the "hard core" of a new EC political union treaty. He said: "If we had not judged it as such, the chancellor and the president would not have bothered to take up their pens." France, not a full member of Nato, faces great difficulties in persuading its EC partners to loosen their links with America in the alliance. But its negotiators are more confident that they can isolate Britain on the issue of majority voting in foreign policy.

Europe will hear President Bush's reaction to the plans at a Nato summit next month. America has always encouraged greater European defence integration in theory but always reacted warily to any proposal which might exclude US policymakers from European decision-making.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, at the Commonwealth summit in Hareze, called any idea of overlapping with Nato "rubbish and dangerous". British officials treat the suggestion that the EC can displace national governments in their dealings with the Soviet Union and America as ludicrous.

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Evasive action: European Community observers running for cover yesterday with Croat troops and medical staff as Serb forces opened fire on Nestar. The village in eastern Croatia is on the frontline of the conflict in the breakaway Yugoslav republic

## Nato to drop nuclear pledge

FROM MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, IN TAORMINA, SICILY

NATO defence ministers are expected for the first time to drop the usual pledge to keep alliance nuclear weapons up to date when they meet in Sicily today. Their silence on this basic tenet of Nato nuclear strategy shows how much has changed in just three weeks.

After President Bush's announcement of nuclear weapons cuts on September 27, the alliance is already committed to withdrawing unilaterally all the short-range Lance tactical

missiles and nuclear-tipped artillery shells from Europe. Only air-launched, freefall bombs will be left and they cannot be modernised in the present political climate.

The question of developing a Nato tactical air-to-surface missile to replace the gravity bomb is so sensitive that ministers will be reluctant to broach it. American sources said it would be discussed, but no reference to replacing freefall bombs is expected in

the communiqué issued after the two-day Nuclear Planning Group meeting.

British officials accept that it will not be possible, or necessary, to discuss a new tactical missile at this stage. Britain and France, whose defence minister does not have a seat at the meeting, are now the odd ones out in the nuclear debate. Britain is, however, committed to buying a tactical nuclear missile for RAF Tornados.

## Latest Yugoslav ceasefire seems doomed to fail

FROM MARY DEBEVSKY IN MOSCOW AND ANNE McELVOY IN ZAGREB

THE latest ceasefire agreement between Serbia and Croatia, concluded this time through the mediation of President Gorbachev on Tuesday evening, seemed certain to collapse even before the leaders of the two republics left Moscow yesterday.

Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, cancelled a scheduled press conference, allowing Slobodan Milosevic, his Serbian counterpart, to claim at his own press conference that this showed which of the republics was afraid to present its case. Mr Milosevic appeared confident and optimistic, but he offered no new insights or solutions.

Serbia, he said, had always advocated a peaceful solution and had not changed its view. He denied that there was any conflict between Serbia and Croatia as such, rather a conflict "between the Croatian authorities and the Serbian people living in Croatia".

The Serbian president was positive about his meeting with Mr Gorbachev. He described the Soviet president as "understanding the situation much better than others"; but did not identify them. He appeared, however, to be referring to the European Community negotiators. He was still more enthusiastic about his talks with Boris Yeltsin, the president of the Russian Federation. These dealt out only with the Yugoslav conflict, but also with future political and economic relations between Serbia and Russia. He said he had invited Mr Yeltsin to visit Serbia and his invitation had been accepted.

Dr Tudjman left Moscow without explaining why he had decided not to talk to the press. The joint communiqué that he signed with Mr Milosevic the previous evening said both leaders favoured an immediate cessation of hostilities, it pledged that delegations from the two republics would open negotia-

tions on all issues of contention within a month, and it asked the Soviet Union, the United States and the EC to help organise and oversee the negotiations.

Despite the Moscow agreement, fighting continued at flashpoints throughout Croatia yesterday. The besieged town of Vukovar came under fierce mortar and artillery fire with one death and several injuries reported. Hopes of the



Milosevic Croatia "too scared" to present case

EC aid coöpy reaching the city are fading.

At Otocac, three guardsmen were reported killed in an artillery attack. The town of Slunj, 30 miles south of Karlovac, is reported to be cut off and running short of food and medical supplies as a result of a large influx of refugees from nearby Titova Korenica.

● Sarajevo: Alija Izetbegovic, the president of Bosnia-Herzegovina, said yesterday that he detected signs of optimism for the future despite the apparent failure of the latest ceasefire (Tim Judah writes).

"This simultaneously talking and fighting is a pull and push process," he said, "but the Moscow agreement is an example of a positive sign and I now expect that the fighting will begin to decline in favour of talks."

## Meat van bears grim testimony to conflict

By ANNE McELVOY

AT FIRST, looking into the refrigerated van in Karlovac, it is difficult to recognise the contents as bodies at all: a jumble of limbs, socks, intestines, blackened skin, a yellow stump of leg.

Putrefaction is everywhere. Looking at the scene for more than a few seconds is intolerable, but those few seconds are enough to etch it in the memory for ever.

In the van, which previously did service as a Yugoslav meat transporter, lie four of the 18 corpses delivered to the Karlovac mortuary from the frontline Croatian villages of Vukmanic and Turanj on the other side of the Kupa river, just a mile away. The dead, the Croats say, are victims of a massacre by bands of Serb irregulars.

Mira Lucjanic, the chief pathologist, said that four of the dead had been killed by heavy blows - except that they were killed violently, she cannot say how the others died. Their bodies had been left uncollected so long that their wounds have been all but obliterated by scavenging animals.

stavistic, hand-to-hand conflict in which even the basic, humane courtesy of swift burial is observed.

To reach this charnel scene, it is not necessary to travel to the bloody, remote slaughter fields of eastern Croatia. Karlovac is 30 minutes' drive south of Zagreb, the capital. The war no longer needs to be looked for, it is moving closer of its own volition. Of the nine graveyards in Karlovac, only four can be used for funerals. The others are targeted by snipers.

"We have identified an entire family," Dr Lucjanic said. "The grandmother is holding a child's clothes, but there is no sign of the child." She has examined 40 corpses brought from the surrounding areas in the past month. "I have to be absolutely professional about this job. It is what I was trained for, but I never thought that I would have to look on war crimes. If I thought about what was happening out there, I could not do it. I must stop my emotions. What good do they do me or these dead people?" But, as she led the way to the mortuary, she winced. "Sometimes, I think I am drowning."

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# Glory gives way to gloom as Boris reaches 100 days

FRIENDS and colleagues of Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, have organised a charity reception in the Kremlin this evening to mark his first 100 days in the democratically elected post. But the reception is unlikely to lift the cloud of pessimism that has recently descended on the Russian democratic camp.

Although he is still loved and trusted by the Russian public, Mr Yeltsin has been unable to capitalise on the popularity he won when he led the resistance against the August coup which attempted to topple President Gorbachev. His administration is riven with conflicts of personality and principle. Many of his policies lack definition and, where they have been defined, he has been either unable to execute them or has laid himself open to charges of running a dictatorship.

Whatever the justice of these charges, the Yeltsin camp's public relations effort has been a disaster, a fact recognised even by his staunchest supporters. On Tuesday night, Russian television, often regarded as a Yeltsin mouthpiece, began its main evening news with a gloomy survey of the Russian administration which argued that his government and the Russian Federation was falling to pieces.

Russian officials and Mr Yeltsin himself have tried hard since the beginning of the week to counter the impression of drift in his administration. He has met the Japanese foreign minister and the Serbian and Croat leaders. He talked to reporters after a meeting of his state council on Tuesday and outlined a series of steps he intended taking in the

**Boris Yeltsin, plagued by conflicts in his government and Russia, is looking less and less likely to stay long in office, Mary Dejevsky writes from Moscow**

coming days. These included the appointment of a prime minister to replace Ivan Silayev, who moved permanently last month to the interim body overseeing the central Soviet economy, a plan for Russia to take over most of the Soviet Union's gold and precious metal reserves, the closure of bank accounts of all central ministries which have become redundant, and a government reshuffle to purge

remaining conservatives. He also hinted at the possible introduction of a separate Russian currency.

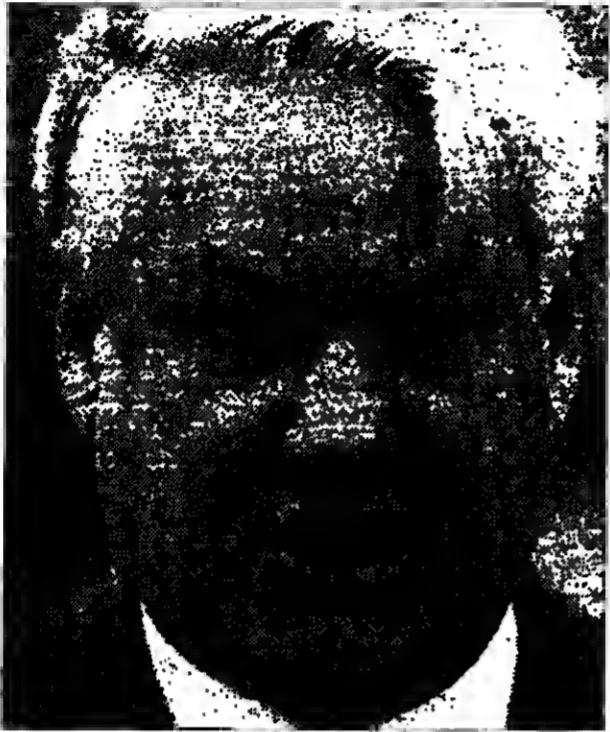
By yesterday, however, all these proposals were still no more than pie in the sky. Two other measures that Mr Yeltsin could have taken to improve his position also appear to have been delayed. Local elections that would have strengthened the control of Yeltsin supporters in the provinces have been

postponed on the ground that, in the present economic circumstances, another political campaign is too much of a luxury. Consideration of the new Russian constitution also appears to have been shelved for at least the third time in a year.

Mr Yeltsin is left trying to govern an increasingly ungovernable republic with only the old constitutional mechanisms. These include a hung parliament, elected more than a year ago, and ministers who are either ill-equipped to take the wider responsibilities that have fallen to them since the coup or politically disinclined to implement the deregulatory reforms Mr Yeltsin wants.

His moves to strengthen the lines of administrative responsibility, which included the appointment of provincial governors accountable to him, have led to talk of dictatorship. The governors, many of whom were elected regional leaders, anyway, cannot be subjected to popular election, as Mr Yeltsin says he intends, until the new constitution, or at least new laws, are in place. Yet the Russian parliament in its present composition is unlikely to approve such laws.

In areas of the federation populated mainly by non-Russians, he faces growing hostility from local leaders and populations worried about the growth of a strong Russia. Having seen the flag-waving and euphoria after the successful defence of the Russian parliament in August, non-Russians are trying to ensure that the Soviet yoke is not replaced by a Russian one. After the first 100 days, Mr Yeltsin's chances of a long stay currently look slim.



Yeltsin: unable to capitalise on the popularity he gained in leading resistance to the August coup

## West to press republics on Soviet economic accord

FROM ANATOLE KALETSKY IN BANGKOK

THE leading Western nations plan to exert strong diplomatic and economic pressure on the Soviet republics to try to persuade them to agree a new economic constitution. A campaign to settle the future shape of the Soviet Union emerged yesterday as the main outcome of the negotiations between the Group of Seven and Soviet government representatives held in Bangkok this week.

It also became clear that a key objective of the unprecedented mission by the G7

the republics failed to agree on an economic constitution, there could be no hope for early market reforms in the Soviet Union. He also predicted that the entire country would then descend into chaos and possible violence by next spring.

Mr Lamont was equally explicit about the West's role in a constitutional settlement for the Soviet Union. "Co-operation between the West, the Soviet Union and the republics cannot happen unless there is a settled distribution of powers," he told a press conference shortly before delivering a closely argued and unusually passionate speech on the transformation to capitalism in the Soviet Union, which he described as the most important economic and political development of his lifetime.

"If comprehensive reforms are enacted and the need for additional finance is clearly demonstrated, we will stand ready to help," Mr Lamont said. "We will not be forgiven if we do not respond positively." But the chancellor

also said that comprehensive reform and large-scale aid from the West would be impossible as long as the Soviet Union remained in a constitutional and legal limbo. The West would not try to dictate the terms of a new union treaty, but it would press for a decision between union and fragmentation to be clearly made.

"It is most important that a treaty should be signed. It is less important exactly what is in the treaty. Even if the Soviet Union fragments, it has got to be clear that it is fragmenting," he said. Mr Lamont's words amplified similar remarks made by Mr Brady, who said this week that long-term financial support for the Soviet Union would be linked to the signing and ratification of an economic treaty.

Jacques Attali, the president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, was even more explicit. "We have to organise the Soviet republics into an economic agreement," he declared.



Yavlinsky: fears violence by spring in Soviet Union

countries to Moscow this month would be to tell the republics' leaders that they must reach an economic agreement as soon as possible.

The new relationship between the G7 and the Soviet Union was emphasised by Grigori Yavlinsky, the Soviet Union's chief economist, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Nicholas Brady, the American treasury secretary, in their addresses to the International Monetary Fund annual meeting in Bangkok.

Against the background of mounting exasperation about the constitutional chaos in the Soviet Union, all three said that future relations with the West, as well as economic progress within the Soviet republics, would depend on a clear settlement of their present constitutional dispute. Many G7 leaders and officials in Bangkok privately expressed alarm and frustration about the way that the republics appeared to be renegeing on the economic treaty which their representatives initiated only last week.

"The meeting in about two weeks' time in Moscow between the G7 and the highest Soviet officials and the highest officials of the republics will be a really historical event," said Mr Yavlinsky. "It will allow the preparation of a joint strategy with the co-operation of the G7 on constitutional agreement and on the economic way forward."

Mr Yavlinsky added that if

## Oslo launches bank collapse enquiry

FROM TONY SAMSTAG IN OSLO

NORWAY'S financial community was licking its wounds yesterday after the collapse of Kreditkassen, the country's second largest bank. The government has announced an official enquiry into the affairs of the bank and the conduct of Kredittilsynet, the Norwegian securities and exchange system, and criminal charges have not been ruled out.

Monday's announcement that the government had taken over the bank in order to protect deposits, but that shares in the bank were now worthless, drove that morning's Nobel peace prize off the front pages here for perhaps the first time in the award's 90-year history. On Tuesday, depositors withdrew more than 400 million kroner (£35 million) in spite of government assurances amid scenes of pandemonium that saw some branch offices running out of cash.

The collapse of Kreditkassen is by far the worst incident in more than five years of mounting losses on lending and guarantees, bankruptcies, and forced mergers throughout the Norwegian banking sector. Losses in that sector totalled more than 40 billion kroner by the end of last year; this year's figures are now

certain to be appalling, reinforcing fears that the entire Norwegian banking system is heading for a crash.

Kreditkassen's solvency vanished into a series of fiscal black holes, many in connection with corrupt building schemes perpetrated by municipal councils. Seven loans, most to highly respected firms in the Oslo area, accounted for one billion kroner of the bank's recent losses.

The bank's 37,000 shareholders stand to lose about two billion kroner. Among the 20 largest shareholders are the Clydesdale Bank, the Royal Bank of Scotland and Midland Bank; but the British investors had been among the heaviest net sellers of shares in recent months.

Economists yesterday seemed to agree that the state had no choice but to keep the bank afloat, at a cost already approaching 10 billion kroner, in order to prevent the whole Norwegian banking system collapsing. Some experts predicted that, whatever the government did, the Kreditkassen collapse was just the beginning of what could be the worst banking crisis in Europe since the second world war, and that it would have far-reaching effects.

## Armenia goes to the polls

Yerevan - Armenians voted yesterday in the southern Soviet republic's first presidential election, which is dominated by three issues - independence from Moscow, economic survival and a bloody territorial dispute with Azerbaijan.

Early voting was brisk in the capital, Yerevan, 1,100 miles south of Moscow, where polling stations flew the republic's red, blue and orange flag and a public holiday was declared. "Armenia is firmly resolved to win full political independence," Levon Ter-Petrosyan, the Armenian leader for the past year and favourite for the presidency, said as he voted.

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## Tirana crowds burn portraits

Tirana - Albanian demonstrators burned portraits of President Alija and the late dictator, Enver Hoxha, in a huge anti-communist protest in Tirana. Organisers showed film footage of the fall of the Berlin Wall and protesters danced to rock music. "We gathered to condemn dictatorship but we've also got to deal with Ramiz Alia," said Elendi Gonxhe, a student leader.

In the ports of Vlora and Durres police and soldiers scuffled earlier with thousands of people attempting to flee the country. Sources said the crowds regrouped. (Reuters)

## Cabinet named

Bucharest - Teodor Stolojan, the Romanian prime minister-designate, unveiled a coalition government dominated by independents and giving the opposition Liberals and two small parties their first share of power for half a century. The National Salvation Front, whose leader Petre Roman was ousted as prime minister in riots last month, retained six portfolios in the 21-member cabinet. (Reuters)

## Dachas lost

Moscow - Nikolai Trubin, the Soviet prosecutor-general, ordered former top government officials, including three deputy prime ministers, to hand over illegally obtained luxury dachas. Lev Voronin, Aleksandra Biryukova and Igor Belousov were deputies to the former Soviet prime ministers Nikolai Ryzhkov, now retired, and Valentin Pavlov, under arrest for his role in the failed August coup. (Reuters)

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### Commonwealth given blunt warning on need for democracy

## Rights top the Major agenda

From Robin Oakley in Harare

JOHN Major yesterday intensified his drive for "good government" in the Commonwealth by telling the opening meeting of 43 leaders that stifling human rights would lead to economic collapse.

Mr Major, speaking at a colourful opening ceremony in Harare, said that some Commonwealth nations had not practised the principles the organisation was pledged to uphold. He urged them to catch the tide of democracy sweeping the world.

Communism, he said, had been discredited and was being discarded. Government by centrally controlled ideology was unfair, inefficient and ultimately unacceptable. Adding that there must be tolerance of free debate and genuine democracy, Mr Major insisted "that means the rights of our citizens to choose freely who governs them".

With the Zimbabwean police brass band playing American hoe-downs, and drum majorettes stepping out to Colonel Bogey, the Commonwealth meeting opened

like a family party on a grand scale, far more amiable than any in recent memory.

Divisions remain on sanctions against South Africa, but only on the timing of their removal. There is much more talk of helping South Africa through the transition to a non-racial democracy.

Mr Major's crisp speech was warmly applauded, and then accompanied by calls from President Mugabe of Zimbabwe, the conference host, and Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth secretary-general, for efforts to boost democracy. Mr Mugabe said there was no "credible" alternative to dialogue in South Africa, promising: "We stand ready to assist the South Africans to create a peaceful climate conducive to normal political and social life."

After a reference to the 1971 Singapore declaration which talked of peoples' "right to participate by means of free and democratic political processes in framing the society in which they live", Mr Mugabe declared: "We are members of



Observer status: Nelson Mandela applauding during the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth summit in Harare

the Commonwealth in good faith for as long as we continue to uphold the principles we have proclaimed. When we ourselves, individually and collectively, betray our own principles we cannot proclaim ourselves as champions of human rights, wherever they are being violated. The principle of democracy must be a

pervading one as much for the Commonwealth as for its every member."

Chief Anyaoku welcomed the approaching end of apartheid and paid tribute to the will and courage of President De Klerk as well as Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress leader, who was given a hero's welcome as

an observer at the opening ceremony. He said there was much the Commonwealth could do for its members in respect of the principles of democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

Begum Khalida Zia, the prime minister of Bangladesh, also emphasised the need for greater democracy and called for an extension of Commonwealth efforts in assisting electoral processes.

In his speech, Mr Major emphasised that the standards of democracy to be met were universal. "When the Commonwealth discusses those standards the debate is... part of all the membership consulting."

CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK by Jan Raath

## Press gang left high and dry

Television coverage of the opening of the Commonwealth summit gave the impression that everything ran like clockwork; for journalists in the press centre adjoining the Harare international conference centre, it was pandemonium.

The indifferent quality of the television monitors meant that it was impossible to take notes on the speeches, and each arrival of an invariably late text triggered a scrum. The hungry had to go without, because no one bothered to supply any food. Expectations for refreshment were not high in the first place, after Tuesday's offering by the women's league of the ruling Zanu (PF) party, of rubbery boiled eggs and elderly potato crisps.

Solace in the bottle was out of the question. The press centre's bar was closed, and anyway it stocked only imported Scotch and a local orange cordial, but no glasses. It is open only at night when it is commanded by Lieutenant-General Solomon Mujuru, the commander of the Zimbabwe national army.

A guard came near to sabotaging the conference when he went off duty without telling anyone and with the key to the locked entrance which is reserved for heavy vehicles. The queue that waited for an hour outside while a spare key was sought included a technician called in to repair a breakdown of the air conditioning system and a van with cans of diesel for the generator powering Zimbabwe television's mobile broadcast unit.

One incident was described as the fall of a dictator. The Malawian leader, whose full title is *Mkango We Malawi* (the lion of Malawi) and destroyer of the federation, His Excellency the Life President Dr Hastings Kamuzu Banda, alighted from his limousine at the

conference centre entrance, missed a down-step on the red carpet and plunged forward, hitting the red plush hard.

He was helped up by President Moi of Kenya, but quickly shook off the supporting arm, and made a point of strutting off unaided. There was no disguising the fact that his nonagenarian frame had taken a knock, and it was obvious that he was mounting the steps on the way out with difficulty after the opening ceremony.

President Kaunda of Zambia, who faces an election in a fortnight in which the results are not at all as predictable as they have been since independence in 1964 and whose son was sentenced to death for murder on Monday, was much less of the flamboyant



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figure he has been at previous Commonwealth summits. Through most of the speeches, his head was bowed, his eyes closed and he fidgeted furiously with his white handkerchief, his talisman which some believe has mystical powers. He also appeared to be speaking to himself. Zambia watchers say he has come to Harare to bid farewell to the body of which he has been a leading figure for so long.

One who is keeping a very low profile is Bob Hawke, the Australian prime minister. The only quote of his circulating at the conference is the "...it" he was observed to mutter after putting at the Royal Harare golf club.

## Nigerian riots cut short talks

Lagos — President Babangida of Nigeria cut short his visit to the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Harare last night to fly home and deal with worsening religious riots (Elizabeth Obadina writes).

Police and army units yesterday patrolled the streets of Kano, in the north, in an effort to contain two days of violence by Muslims and Christians which have left at least eight dead, scores of wounded and thousands of Christian refugees sheltering in police and army barracks.

The rioters appear to be mainly youths, many children under ten years of age, who have been on holiday since mid-August and are not due back at school until late October. The trouble began on

## Britain urges progress on 'green' meeting

Harare — Britain is concerned that preparatory work for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro next summer has run into the sands (Robin Oakley writes).

John Major is urging Commonwealth leaders who share his concern to use the Harare conference to give a boost to the process by outlining what concerns the UN meeting should take up and by giving preliminary shape to agreements which might be signed there.

Mr Major said in Harare yesterday that framework conventions on climatic change and related issues were vital issues.



Monday at a peaceful march by Muslims protesting that the German evangelist, Pastor Reinhard Bonnke, was being allowed to preach at a gospel crusade designed to attract thousands, whereas foreign Muslim preachers had been denied entry to Nigeria.

## Fines imposed

Johannesburg — Three leading black trade unionists convicted of kidnapping and assaulting a security policeman were fined and given suspended prison terms by a Johannesburg magistrate. The state had called for them to be sent to prison but the magistrate said that special circumstances prevailed in the case. An appeal against conviction is planned.

## Massacre case

Pietermaritzburg — Four of seven policemen, all of whom have denied murder charges, admitted they took part in an attack on a funeral wake in which 11 people were gunned down nearly three years ago. The four, black auxiliary constables, claimed they were acting under the orders of Captain Brian Mitchell, who is one of the accused. (AFP)

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# Hanoi delays boat people agreement

VIETNAM last night delayed the signing of an agreement on the return of boat people from Hong Kong, saying that it needed more time to prepare reception facilities.

Sources in London and the colony have been saying they expected a signature on the agreement yesterday to be followed by an announcement



Wilson dined with Hurd in London last weekend

in the House of Commons today. A British official in Hanoi was quoted as saying that there was no problem with the agreement, it was merely a technical delay.

However, Clinton Leeks, the Hong Kong government's refugee co-ordinator, cast doubt on whether an agreement was ready for signing at all. "We don't have an agreement yet. The position is we hope to have an agreement soon," he said yesterday.

The Vietnamese explanation appears designed to hide the continuing concern in Hanoi about the notion of forced repatriation. Not only are the Vietnamese sensitive to the idea, but they know that the United States has been categorically opposed to the idea. Vietnam is keen not to do anything to antagonise the Americans at a time when Hanoi wants the normalisation of relations.

But as 12,000 boat people continued demonstrations

## Jonathan Braude in Hong Kong and David Watts in London see problems in Hanoi's decision to delay a deal forcing boat people to return home

against forced repatriation, Hong Kong officials cast doubt on Britain's claim that the delay did not reflect disagreements over the details of the accord. In London the Foreign Office would not comment on the possibility of a deal at all.

Rita Fan, a legislative councillor in the colony, said that the Vietnamese statement was an excuse and she feared problems had arisen in the negotiations with Britain. As Britain and Hong Kong continued to contradict each other over what if anything had been agreed, an unnamed Vietnamese foreign ministry official told Hong Kong's TVB news programme that Hanoi was still discussing the matter

with local officials so that the appropriate infrastructure could be in place before boat people begin to arrive back. But he emphasised that Vietnam continued to be willing to accept back boat people in an orderly fashion.

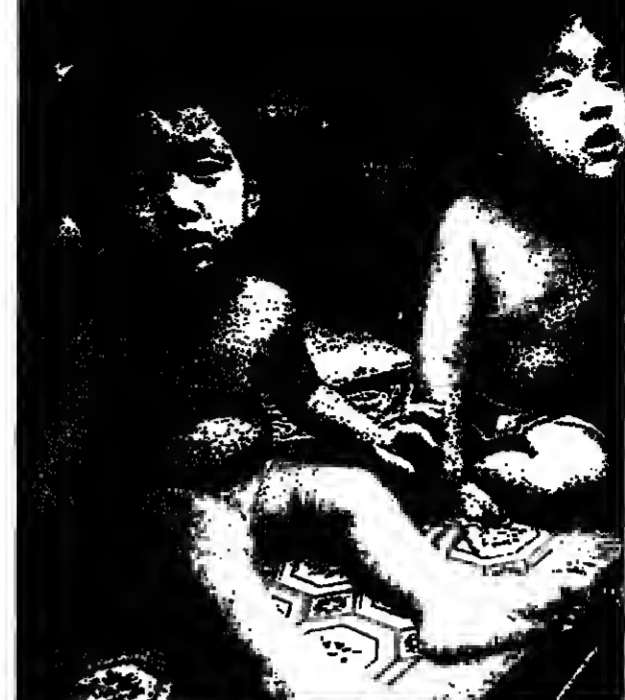
He said that Peter Williams, the British ambassador to Hanoi, had asked Vietnam on Tuesday to sign the agreement, adding "We said OK. But not right now." He refused to be drawn on when Vietnam would put pen to paper.

It is thought the accord, reached in outline last month, opens the way for the deportation of some 200 "double-backers" — those who volunteered to leave Hong Kong

but returned to pick up sizeable allowances from the United Nations — and some 2,000-3,000 of the most recent arrivals.

If these deportations pass without serious hitches, the way could be paved for the return of almost 60,000 boat people currently in Hong Kong camps. Fewer than 20 per cent of those so far screened have been recognised as genuine refugees with a right to be resettled. Almost 20,000 are considered economic migrants. Some 10,500 have already departed under the UN-administered voluntary repatriation scheme since March 1989. However, this year alone there have been around 20,000 arrivals.

Sir David Wilson, the governor of Hong Kong, was in London at the weekend for dinner with Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, at which it is believed the question of the repatriations was discussed.



Black outlook: two of the thousands of children of Vietnamese boat people facing an uncertain future

# Two die in Australian bush fires

Sydney — Two people died and several more were missing yesterday as the worst bush fires in years swept through the suburbs of Sydney and along the New South Wales coast (Robert Cockburn writes).

The first big fires of the season struck suddenly in unusually early summer conditions of high temperatures, hot winds and land left tinder-dry by months of drought. More than 2,000 firefighters tackled blazes along a 150-mile front. Fires were still burning last night and arson is suspected in some cases.

Worst hit were the north-western suburbs in Sydney where a mother, aged 46, and her stepdaughter, aged 16, died when flames swept through their home. A man is missing, believed dead. Thousands of people were evacuated from their homes.

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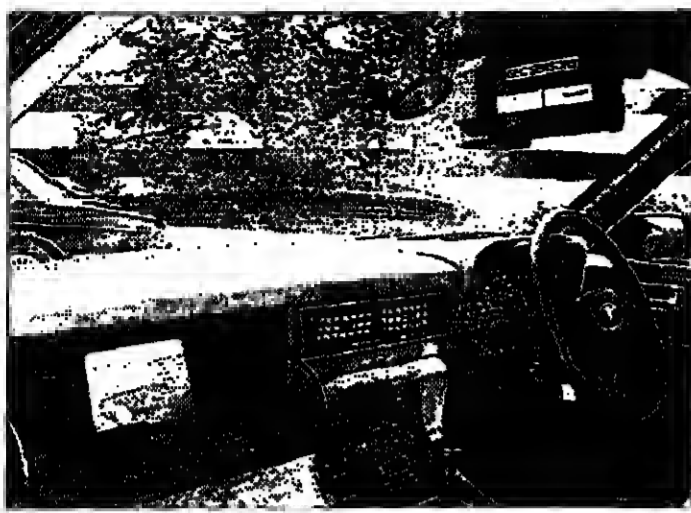
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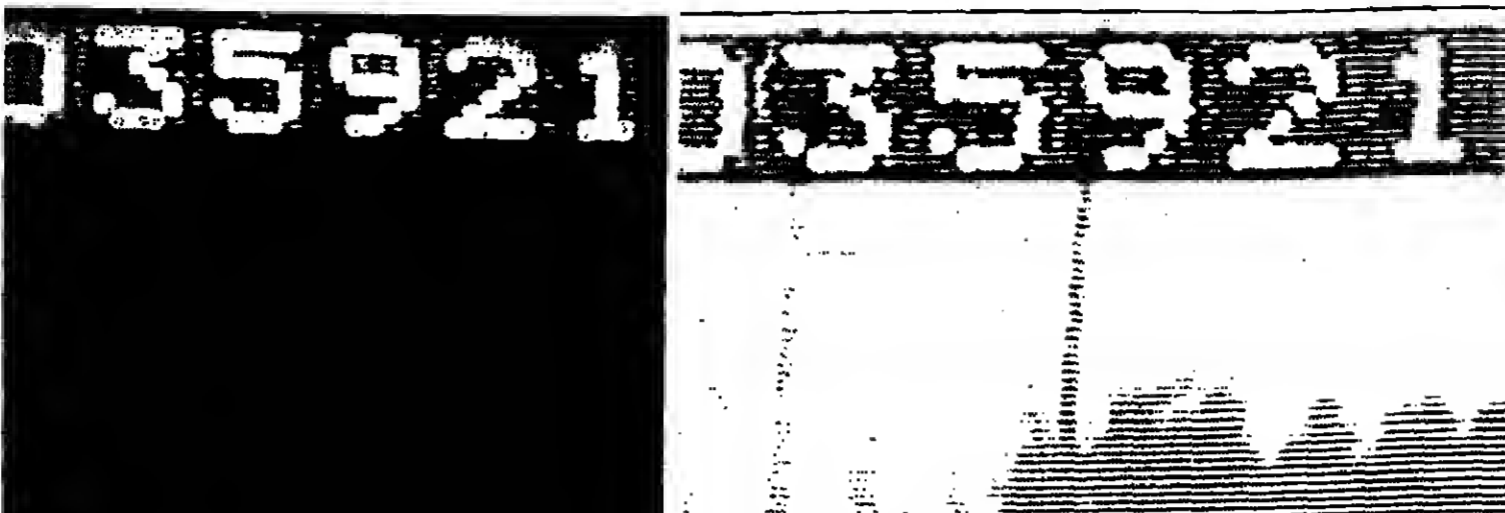
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# A view to avoiding a kill



Engineers are designing cars with night-sights, like those used on bombers, to guide drivers in bad conditions. Kevin Eason reports



A peek into the not-so-distant future: a camera, top left, mounted near the rear-view mirror, gives an enhanced picture on the in-car screen; above, the view from a windscreen on a stormy night and, right, an improved image shows the two figures in sharper relief

**D**ozens of lives are lost on Britain's roads at this time of year as drivers struggle to find their way through the fog that can suddenly descend.

Mists force drivers to peer into the gloom, relying on the tail-lights of the vehicles in front to guide them to their destinations, often with disastrous results.

Engineers designing the cars of the not-so-distant future say they can adapt sophisticated night-sights, similar to those used on Tornado bombers in the Gulf war, to guide drivers home even in the worst conditions.

Jaguar already has a car at its Coventry factory with an enhanced vision system using a small camera mounted in front of the rear-view mirror. The system translates heat emissions from car engines, lights and even the human

body into light to make a sharp black and white picture that is clearer than any given by human eyesight on a dark night or in fog.

The picture is displayed on a small screen in the dashboard of an XJ6 saloon. Further development will result in the picture being shown on a "head-up" display; in effect, a small hologram projected on to the windscreen, similar to those in aircraft.

Technology such as the night-sight might seem like science fiction. However, engineers working on Project Prometheus, a pan-European operation that includes leading car companies such as Jaguar, Mercedes-Benz, Ford and General Motors, say it is closer than we think. Some of the equipment could be within three years.

Adopting the equipment being developed by Prometheus on a Europe-wide scale

could, the engineers claim, cut road casualties by 30 per cent and congestion by 20 per cent.

Many other developments will also make driving safer and easier.

Seven out of ten road accidents are caused by driver error, in good conditions as well as poor visibility and ensuring that the driver is as fit as the car is the aim of the equipment that Ford is developing at its Dunton research centre in Essex.

A tiny dashboard camera watches the driver to count his

or her blink rate and detect head movements to ensure that the driver is awake. That is coupled to a computer measuring the speed and efficiency with which the car is driven.

If the driver is tired or drunk, the computer flashes its warnings to rest, or to stop driving.

Although private motorists may not want to be watched by such a camera, many companies may come to favour it to prevent their drivers putting themselves

and their expensive vehicles at risk.

Volvo is developing a version of the aircraft black box for cars so that the results of accidents are stored on its recordings.

Jaguar is developing a sensor system that will keep a car a set distance from the car in

front, at whatever speed they are travelling. The speed "cushion" ensures there are no silly rear-end shunts when the driver decides to change stations on the radio or chat to a passenger.

The benefits of such a system could be enormous, particularly in difficult motor-

way driving. Car companies believe it will be on sale this decade.

Businessmen waste valuable time because of traffic jams and accidents, missing flights and appointments and, as a result, wasting up to £15 billion a year for industry, according to the Confederation

of British Industry. Every motorway accident costs about £500,000, including the provision of emergency services, police time and managing casualty wards, which makes the race towards the technology of the future of vital importance to designers and motorists.

**BEATING THE JAMS**

OTHER devices are being planned to improve motoring safety. A system for beating traffic jams is being designed, linked with navigation systems, already well-tested and due on the market late next year.

The Philips "Carin" system will be able to beam in on a selected destination, then guide the driver. Although the system will be relatively expensive at first, cost could fall soon to £500 a set - about the price of a good car hi-fi system - making it widely affordable.

At the same time, the driver may not have to worry unduly that if his or her concentration lapses, the consequences will be a disastrous crash.

The government claims many drivers could save time by switching routes when there are jams, but how do drivers know when there are blockages in their usual routes? Radio data systems, which transmit information on conventional radio waves, are now well-advanced.

Prometheus is also asking governments to erect roadside beacons, which will be able to transmit direct to cars the latest traffic and weather reports.

KEVIN EASON

## Nobel winners with practical aims

Science judges praise the molecule researchers



Million-dollar winners: Professors de Gennes, left, and Ernst

**T**he Nobel Prizes for physics and chemistry, each worth \$1 million (about £588,000), yesterday went to pioneers in the fields of liquid crystals and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy.

Pierre-Gilles de Gennes, of France, won the physics prize for his work in bringing order to disordered systems, including polymers and liquid crystals, and Richard Ernst, of Switzerland, won the chemistry prize for the development of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, a technique now used around the world.

Professor de Gennes, of the Superior School of Physics and Chemistry, Paris, made an analysis of disordered systems, which has contributed to the development of liquid crystal displays in calculators, thermometers and television screens.

"Physicists often take pride in dealing with systems that are as simple and 'pure' as possible, but de Gennes' work has shown that even 'untidy' systems can be described in general terms," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in the citation. By doing so, he had found parallels between polymer molecules in solution, which tend to form long, spaghetti-like tangles, and the behaviour of superconductors. Similar mathematics could be used to explain both, laying the theoretical founda-

tion for the practical application of liquid crystals.

Professor de Gennes, who is 58, said yesterday that all his work was motivated by practicality.

He would use the prize to defend the Schmitt of Physics and Chemistry, which faced financial problems because of what was seen as its emphasis on fundamental work.

Professor Ernst, 58, is a pioneer of the technique of nuclear magnetic resonance, used to produce sharp images of organs such as the brain in hospitals, and as a method of structural analysis in chemistry. NMR spectroscopy uses magnetic fields to study the behaviour of the nucleus of the atom. By sensing small changes in that behaviour

when atoms are combined in different ways into molecules, the technique provides a powerful tool for studying molecular structure.

He was not the inventor of NMR imaging, although the method he devised is the one now used to 4,500 hospitals around the world.

Professor Ernst's techniques "revolutionised the use of NMR in biochemistry" according to Professor Laurie Hall, of Cambridge University. By devising a system of displaying the information on two axes - so-called two-dimensional NMR - Professor Ernst had made it possible to show the NMR spectra of important biological molecules such as proteins.

NIGEL HAWKES

## Life on the radio wave?

**UPDATE**

NASA, the US space agency, is to make a new search for evidence of intelligent life in outer space. Radio telescopes will seek radio waves in the 1,000 to 3,000 megahertz frequency range that could be produced only by intelligent civilisations.

The scan will concentrate on stars similar to the Sun. A wide-area search at up to 10,000MHz will also be made. Larry Webster, the project manager, says the search will start next year.

**Pill kills**

A PESTICIDE tablet designed to kill pests in sacks of grain has become a favoured method of committing suicide in rural India. The aluminium-phosphide tablets, which cost 5p, are believed to have poisoned at least 664 people last year. Many of those committing suicide with the tablets, for which there is no antidote, are farmers and their families.

The government has refused to withdraw the tablets, arguing that they are needed to preserve stored grain from harmful insects.

**Ringing change**

GERMAN scientists have constructed a tree-ring calendar stretching back to 7,938 BC, the longest unbroken record of climatic fluctuations ever compiled.

Reporting in this week's *Nature*, Bernd Becker and colleagues from the university of Stuttgart-Hohenheim say that their tree-ring record shows that the last glacialian ended no later than 10,970 years ago, nearly 1,000 years sooner than had been previously estimated.

**Safe phone**

A NEW cordless telephone that is proof against eavesdropping has been introduced by the American telecommunications company, Motorola. The phone uses signal-scrambling techniques to prevent people intercepting the calls, which, as in other cordless phones, are sent by radio signal from the base unit to the handset.

**Supergroup**

A NEW professional structure for materials scientists is likely to be created next January when the Institute of Metals, the Institute of Ceramics and the Plastics and Rubber Institute merge to form an Institute of Materials. The metallurgists have already voted for the merger; the other two institutions vote on November 15.

## Space ejectors

An emergency exit from a rocket is dangerous - but possible

**A**stronauts flying on Hermes, the planned European Space Agency (ESA) space plane, are to have rocket-powered, supersonic, ejector seats capable of firing a crew member a kilometre away from the craft during an abortive launch or landing.

Two systems are being proposed for the seats, the first operational ones ever installed in a space vehicle. One, a seat designed for Buran, the Soviet space shuttle, is a development of the system used in the MIG 29. The other, suggested by the Martin-Baker Aircraft Company, of Denham, Middlesex, in conjunction with Aermacchi of Italy, is a development of the MK16A seat, to be installed in the European Fighter Aircraft and the French Rafale.

Brian Miller of Martin-Baker says the company will submit its design to ESA next month and is confident that its system is superior. The Soviet proposal involves a seat which at 250kg is double the weight of the British one and is likely to add to the costs to a launch.

The British proposal is also designed to incorporate a computer-controlled rocket under the seat which, using technology borrowed from air-to-air guided missiles, will modify the seat's trajectory to stabilise the escape flight.

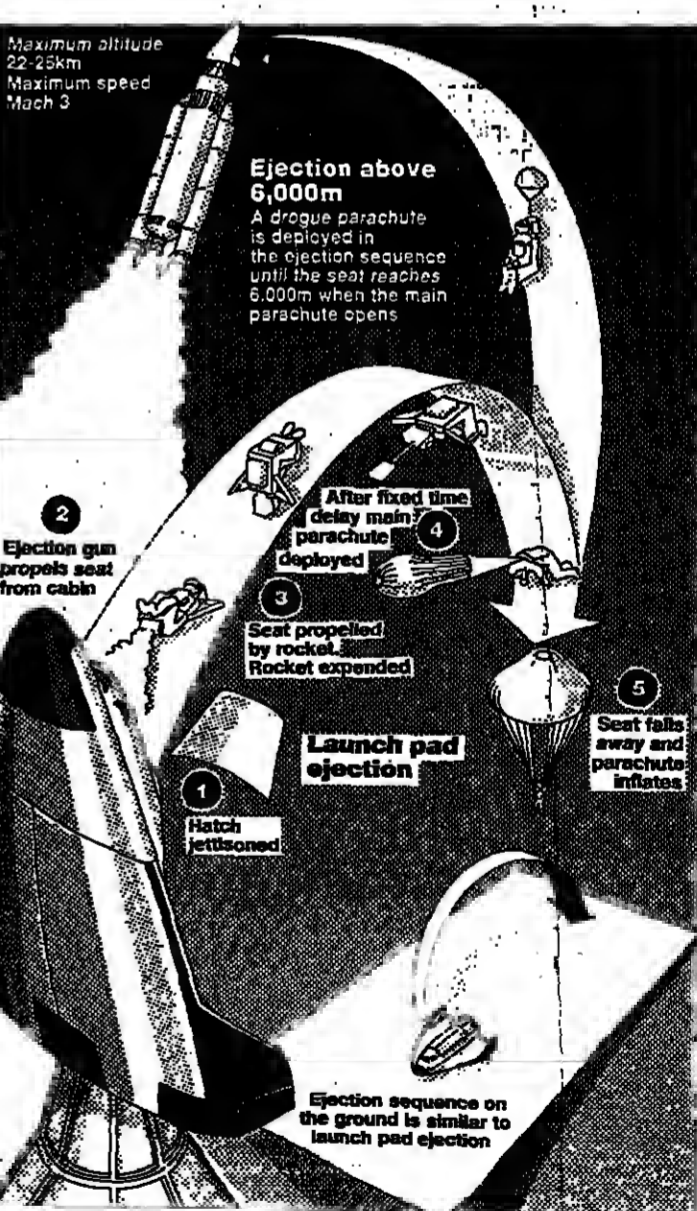
The rocket, which uses three axis gyros to keep pointing in the right direction, is designed to keep firing for about 2.1 seconds, which "is quite a long time to be riding a rocket," says Mr Miller. The Soviet seat, by contrast, is stabilised by its weight rather than by its rocket.

Mr Miller says the design of the system had led to features never before seen on an ejector seat, which have been created to deal with the special conditions of escaping from a space plane flying at up to Mach 3 - three times the speed of sound.

"With normal ejection seats," he says, "only one or two in a thousand will have to eject at the top end of their speed range of Mach 1. We are having to deal with supersonics for the first time."

To slow the seat after ejection, the company examined the possibility of a small parachute known as a hemisflow drogue. The difficulties of testing and gaining meaningful data from such a system in a wind tunnel persuaded the company against such a drogue.

Instead, small biplane-style stabiliser wings will be fitted to the back of the seats, which will not only slow them down but will also



add stability. The wing surfaces lie flat against the seat during normal operations but, on ejection, are slid out by pistons as the astronaut hurtles away from Hermes.

Mr Miller says the seat is designed to be deployed at heights of up to 25km during a Hermes lift-off. Minimum height for a safe escape will be 500m.

During a typical deployment on the launch pad, the Hermes hatch will be jettisoned while the leg and arm restraints lock and the neck support inflates.

In three-hundredths of a second, the ejection gun is fired, hurling the astronaut at right angles away from the stricken space plane. Just over two-tenths of a second into the ejection, the computer-controlled rocket is ignited, emergency radio beacons are switched on and the astronaut is breathing oxygen from an onboard store.

Safely away from Hermes, the main parachute is fired, the seat harnesses are unlocked and, about 27 seconds later, the crew member should touch down on land or sea, complete with survival kit.

Mr Miller says: "The astronaut has two or three minutes of oxygen left, during which he needs to lift up, his visor and breathe the air."

For an ejection after launch, above 600m, the sequence is similar, but the system also deploys a drogue parachute for part of the time.

Mr Miller says there has been only one other documented case of a supersonic ejection. A pilot is believed to have escaped from an SR71 Blackbird spy plane which was approaching speeds of Mach 3 at a "very high altitude".

He said the greatest threat facing a crewman was likely to be heat friction on exposed parts such as elbows which, Mr Miller said, was an issue of suit, rather than ejector seat, design.

NICK NUTTALL

## Growing advice for the needy

**GROWING** a carefully selected mixture of trees and crops on the same site can improve their growth and help increase crop yields in the third world.

Finding the plants and trees that make the best neighbours is the aim of a European Community-funded research programme.

Dr Paul Wojtkovski, an agroforester in charge of the project, at Bangor university, in north Wales, says: "Success depends on ensuring that the species involved complement each other, rather

than compete for light, water and nutrients."

Information from test sites in Africa, Latin America and south-east Asia is being fed into computers.

Computer modelling is then used to calculate the optimum distance, and to work out the effects of climate, rainfall and soil nutrients on both crops before they are planted together.

Dr Wojtkovski says: "The project actually concerns persuading third world farmers to revert to

the ancient agricultural techniques of early civilisations. The one-crop approach to farming has not been helpful in the tropics. I am convinced that the only way forward for these countries is to hark back to the past. By so doing, they will be able to feed their people."

The research team is also studying the feasibility of growing cocoa and coffee bushes amid rubber plantations. Cocoa bushes enjoy the shade offered by the rubber trees.

In Brazil, the work is leading to collaboration between spices. The cinnamon tree, an important export earner, has been encouraged to share land with the cardamom bush and cloves.

In Africa, the project is tackling the problem of desertification. Trees can prevent erosion, and the department is investigating ways to blend salt-tolerant wheat species with poplar trees in some of the continent's arid regions.

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# Flu: hypodermic hype?

Thousands die of influenza every year. Thomson Prentice asks whether Flu Awareness Week will save lives

**A** sure sign that winter is nigh has landed on the desk of every GP in Britain this week. The circular from the government's chief medical officer, giving recommendations on flu immunisation, is as much a seasonal ritual as turning the clocks back.

So, too, is the stockpiling of millions of doses of flu vaccine, and the launch of events such as Flu Awareness Week, which begins next Monday, and is organised by — who else? — the vaccine manufacturers.

The health department said yesterday that the stocks for this winter are more than 25 per cent larger than last year's total of 3,650,000 doses. Kenneth Calman, who took over as the chief medical officer from Sir Donald Acheson this month, says in his letter that more people than ever should be immunised this year.

Is all this really necessary? Is Britain on the brink of a big flu epidemic? Are influenza vaccinations really effective? Probably not.

The British have a love-hate relationship with flu. We love to complain that we have caught it. We use it to justify time off work. And we hate it, because when we get the real thing we feel horrible.

Most of all, we are reluctant to take it seriously — at least until it strikes us. We are loath to heed advice on prevention, preferring to reach at the last minute for a hot toddy or dash to the chemist's counter for a lemon-flavoured remedy.

The health department, meanwhile, has a love-hate affair with the flu vaccine makers. It needs the vaccine for the elderly and vulnerable, but it does not have great faith in its protectiveness. It sometimes has to beg for more, as when supplies ran out in the last epidemic, but suspects the industry drums up trade with the odd bit of scaremongering.

The jibe among some health department officials is that the vaccine makers have put the hype into hypodermic. To which Sandy Macnair, the medical adviser of the Influenza Monitoring and Information Bureau (funded by the manufacturers), retorts: "The department's advisers are a bunch of academic greybeards." What is out in dispute is that flu can be a killer, and when given the chance, a mass murderer. During a typical British winter, between 2,500 and 3,000 flu deaths occur. According to the Office of Population, Census and Surveys, flu killed 26,000 people during the last big epidemic, the worst for 15 years, in the winter of 1989/90. More than 80 per cent of the victims were more than 65 years old, but children and young adults died, too.

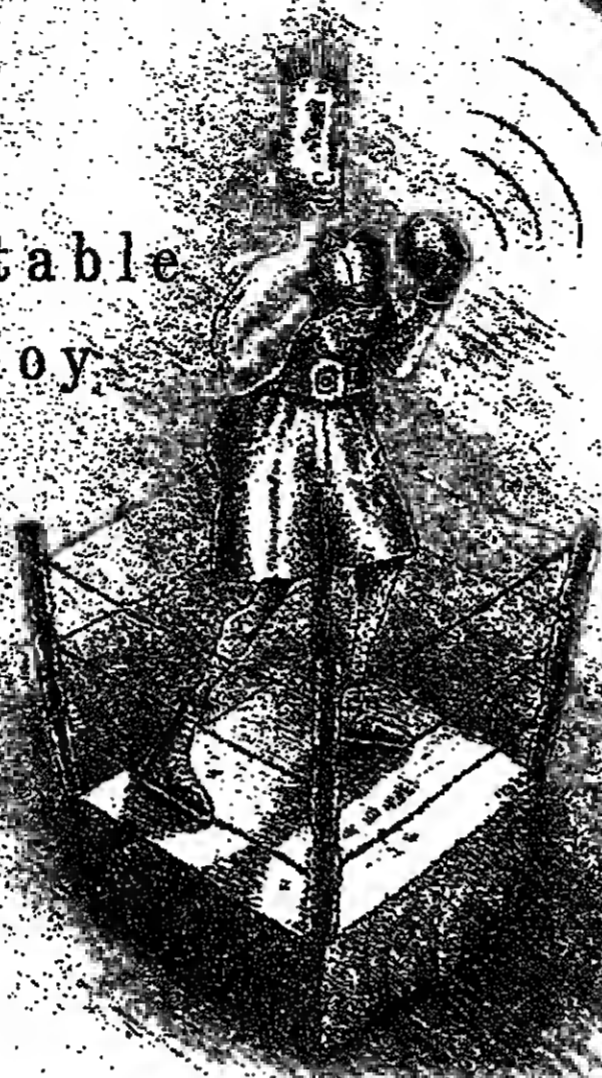
**F**lu is caused by viruses much more potent than those which provoke the common cold. They enter through the nose and mouth, invading cells and reproducing. They damage the immune system and lead to symptoms such as fevers, headaches, aching limbs and backs, weak muscles, coughs and runny noses. If influenza spreads to the lungs, it can cause viral pneumonia and may lead to a secondary, bacterial pneumonia. With bronchitis, these pneumonias are the commonest causes of flu-related death, particularly in the elderly, but also among apparently healthy young adults who have an underlying condition or weakened immune system.

In 1989/90 the health department's vaccine stocks of three million doses were exhausted before the epidemic reached its peak, and another 180,000 doses had to be imported quickly from France and The Netherlands.

Some hospitals lost a quarter of

## Stay fighting fit this winter

Flu is preventable so employ a little self-defence this winter



Punchlines: posters such as this warning the public to take precautions against flu are being sent to GPs' surgeries

their nurses to the infection, and turned away all but the most urgent cases. The Royal College of Nursing demanded that immunisation be offered free to its 285,000 members, and Sir Donald set up an enquiry into government policy on immunisation and prevention of outbreaks.

The enquiry concluded that there was no need to encourage everybody to be immunised, but found that many of the elderly and those with chronic conditions that made them particularly vulnerable to flu were not being vaccinated. Deaths could have been cut, for example, by immunising the elderly in nursing homes and other residential accommodation.

The result is that this year there will be more vaccine available — four and a half million doses, costing the health department about £23 million, or just over £5 per injection — but, paradoxically, there should be less need for it.

"We tend to vaccinate people in the winter after a bad epidemic, having learnt the lesson a bit late," Dr Macnair says. "The level of immunity in the general population now is still quite high, and the number of deaths from flu this winter should be fairly small — perhaps a few thousand."

Nevertheless, Dr Calman is pushing GPs to vaccinate larger numbers of those most at risk. In his letter, he says that immunisation is strongly recommended for patients of all ages if they have chronic respiratory disease, including asthma, chronic heart disease, chronic renal failure, diabetes, or immunosuppression due to illnesses

(including Aids) or medical treatment. Greater efforts should be made to reach these priority groups, he says. Mr Calman also provides some advice that dis pleases the vaccine manufacturers. He says the vaccine gives about 70 per cent protection against infection, and in the elderly, probably even less.

**V**accines against flu are produced in Britain by four companies, Evans, Mérieux UK, Duphar and Servier. The composition of the vaccines changes every year, depending on the strains of influenza virus most likely to be prevalent. The formulation is calculated on the basis of information collected by the World Health Organisation in 100 countries.

There are three types of flu virus. Type A is the most severe and most common, responsible for the biggest epidemics. Type B causes less severe but locally widespread outbreaks, and Type C causes minor outbreaks.

This year's vaccine is a cocktail of two strains of Type A and one of Type B. But despite worldwide monitoring of outbreaks, it is impossible to predict an epidemic.

Because of this uncertainty, the British manufacturers, through the Influenza Monitoring and Information Bureau, prefer to take a gloomy view. As a result, the bureau has been accused in the past of scaremongering. "We have been suspected of mounting a scare every year, but that's a bit unfair," Dr Macnair says. "It's hardly

scaremongering to warn that every winter a few thousand people are likely to be killed by flu when the statistics show this to be true. We feel it's our duty to issue warnings, particularly to the high-risk groups for whom immunisation is recommended by the health department."

Both the bureau and the department were guilty of under-estimating the impact of the epidemic two years ago, he says. "If the government had been more emphatic in its advice about vaccination, there would have been fewer deaths. We were complacent, too. We didn't think it would be as bad as it turned out to be."

"The lesson is that we should expect an epidemic every winter. Since we have no means of predicting how severe it is going to be, or when it will occur, we should expect the worst and vaccinate as many of those who are at risk as possible."

Dr Calman's current advice to GPs is that the ideal time for immunisation is late October and early November. There is rarely much flu in Britain before the end of November, but it takes up to 14 days for the vaccine to produce enough antibodies to confer protection. Immunity should last through the winter.

What about those of us who are not deemed at high risk? "The best possible immunity is to have a mild dose of flu that will fend off a worse attack for the rest of the winter," a health department spokesman says. "The trouble is, you can't get a mild dose on request."

medicine suggest that if you stay at home and choose the right remedies you can stave off the worst of flu. In the self-help category of herbal medicines, hot ginger and cinnamon — or even cayenne pepper — teas are recommended to increase the circulation and warmth at the onset of flu. Infusions of elderflower, yarrow and peppermint are said to be effective at regulating the temperature, and two or three cups of arrowroot may improve the appetite during convalescence.

● The British Homeopathic Association recommends a course of baptisia (a remedy made from wild indigo) for gastric symptoms and exhaustion, eupatorium (made from boneset and thoroughwort) for the worst of the flu, and gelsemium (made from yellow jasmine root) for flushes and headaches.

● Dr Cecil Chen, a council member of the British Acupuncture Association, recommends going to an acupuncturist if you do not want to catch flu from family or colleagues. "By strengthening the immune system, we can help people get through the winter," he says. "If someone already has flu, acupuncture cannot cure it but it can help give them extra energy to cope."

● A prescribed anti-viral drug, amantadine, can reduce the severity and duration of Type A infection if taken before symptoms appear but usually is prescribed only to the elderly, or people with illnesses that will put them at serious risk if they catch

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● Practitioners of alternative

ALICE THOMSON

## Not tonight, doctor

**IN SHEFFIELD**, asking for a sick note used to be the prerogative of the manual worker. Now, however, it seems that it is not Andy Capp, but Mrs Capp, who wants a note from her doctor, not to be excused from her household tasks but only from the exertions of the marital bed. It is reported that Dr Paula Nicholson, a medical psychologist in Sheffield, has found that an increasing number of women are asking GPs to sign them off sex. The psychologist apparently feels that men, by failing to understand the sexual needs of modern women, leave them depressed.



Unlike Dr Nicholson, others might be led into confusing cause and effect. Loss of libido, sexual enthusiasm, is an almost invariable symptom of depression in both sexes; it is therefore possible that some Sheffield wives may be rejecting sex because they are depressed, and not that they become depressed by their husband's lack of imagination. Any patient who complains

of loss of libido should also be questioned about insomnia, loss of appetite, weight loss, feelings of helplessness and worthlessness, diurnal variation (morning pessimism followed by relative optimism in the evening) and a lack of enthusiasm for life in general, as well as sex in particular. It would be tragic if patients who had consulted their doctors with one of the common symptoms of depression were assumed to be suffering solely from boredom with their partner's sexual technique and hence deprived of modern anti-depressant treatment. This includes the 5HT re-uptake inhibitors Prozac and Seraxat, relatively free of side-effects. Loss of libido can also be a symptom of many physical diseases, including diabetes and hypothyroidism. It may also afflict women at various times, premenstrually, after childbirth, when lactating, and Ms Greer not withstanding, the menopause; problems which all respond to appropriate specific treatment.

## Focus on magic eye

**FORTY** years ago, Oxford undergraduates were set a weekly problem by the professor of anatomy who would describe a patient's neurological symptoms and then expect the students to deduce from these the site in the nervous system where the trouble lay. Later in their career post-mortem studies demonstrated that even great neurologists were sometimes wrong. Physicians still plot a patient's neurological deficit: they gauge muscle strength, test sight, hearing and smell, wield their reflex hammers and prick the patient with needles or stroke them with cotton wool, but at the end of the examination it is now rare to hear one make a firm diagnosis. No longer is it necessary to wait for the operating theatre before having suspicions confirmed, for an all-seeing magic eye, a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner, is able to discriminate between normal and abnormal brain and spinal cord tissue. This can display the anatomy of the central nervous system with startling definition on to a screen, from where, with a laser camera, it can be transferred to film. This week Princess Margaret opened London's latest MRI scanner at the London Clinic, which has

## All clear at Forte

**THE** Forte group's Heritage hotels, once ancient hostels where diners might have expected to eat in an atmosphere made hazy by pipe-smoking locals, have changed. This week, the company banned smoking in the dining rooms and increased the number of non-smoking bedrooms. Its decision coincides with the submission by Action Asthma to the health department, whose consultative document "For Health of the Nation" invited other upstarts. One of the seven points raised by Action Asthma, all of which are designed to improve the diagnosis and treatment of the condition, is the problem faced by 57 per cent of asthmatics in a tobacco-smoky atmosphere. Now these patients may be able to enjoy their steak at the Old White Hart without wheezing.



been installed to complement the existing computer tomography (CT) scanners. These two instruments are complementary. The CT scanner is still the first line of investigation in many circumstances. Patients undergoing MRI do not suffer from any radiation, because the scanner uses magnetism and radio frequency. As a diagnostic tool it is also magical in displaying joints, in particular the knee, in which split cartilages and torn ligaments become readily visible. The MRI scanner can also demonstrate precisely where pressure on the spinal cord, or a nerve, is being caused by a prolapsed disk or an arthritic spine; and it is so sensitive that it is able to pick up otherwise undetectable secondary tumors in bone marrow.

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- GPs say there is no sure way of avoiding flu. They advise avoiding close contact with infected people and not sharing drinks, food or eating implements. Smoking is also thought to increase the likelihood and severity of infection by reducing the effectiveness of the mucus and cilia that normally trap dust and microbes and keep them out of the lungs.
- Once flu takes a grip GPs recommend resting in bed and drinking plenty of liquids to replace fluids lost by sweating. Taking preparations containing paracetamol or aspirin every few hours (usually a maximum of eight in 24 hours) will help to reduce fever and relieve aches and pains. Although commonly used as a treatment for colds, there is no evidence that vast quantities of Vitamin C help contain the worst symptoms of influenza.
- A prescribed anti-viral drug, amantadine, can reduce the severity and duration of Type A infection if taken before symptoms appear but usually is prescribed only to the elderly, or people with illnesses that will put them at serious risk if they catch
- In Britain there are 00 over-the-counter remedies specifically for flu but several cold remedies are popular for flu-like conditions. Boots supplies a range of cures, ranging from Lemsip for aches and pains, to Benylin for sore throats and Boots decongestant tablets.
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# Your novel as guru

ROBERT M. PIRSIG, the author of *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, returns to print after 17 years of silence with a book about, among other things, Red Indians and yachting. Not the most commercially-driven of authors, Pirsig has resisted the temptation to call his book *Howl* and *The Art of Coastal Navigation*. Even though native American mysticism might have as much to offer us in the 1990s as Oriental wisdom did in the 1970s, the fact remains that sailing is hardly hiking, and it was the glamorous 750cc passages that were principally responsible for turning *Zen* into a cult.

So the book is called *Lila*, and its subtitle is *An Inquiry into Morals*. In passing, it inquires into a good deal else besides - Victorian rectitude, the crumbling of New York City, duck-billed platypuses, and above all the metaphysics of quality, the definition of which is the work's stated aim. It seems irrelevant to the point of christianism to judge *Lila* as fiction but, as well as being a book about writing a book, it does pose as a novel, and it is through a narrative that Pirsig, or Phaedrus (as he calls himself here and in *Zen*), arrives at his conclusions about value and such like.

## Jasper Rees

**LILA**  
An Inquiry into Morals  
By Robert M. Pirsig  
Bantam, £14.99

**MAINLAND**  
By Robert McCrum  
Secker & Warburg, £13.99

**THE FIRE-MAN'S FAIR**  
By Josephine Humphreys  
Harvill, £14.99

*Lila* is a woman near disillusioning middle-age whom Phaedrus sleeps with in his boat and then, half-saddled with her, agrees to take with him to Florida. If Phaedrus is all mind, she is all body, while a third party, a lawyer-sailor called Rigel who eventually takes her away to be "cared for" (that is, institutionalised) stands for society, with its rules and regulations and conformity. The relationship between these three is the basis for Pirsig's inquiry into morals. Where do they stand vis-à-vis one another? Who has the right to judge whom?

The interweaving of philosophy and fiction is not achieved with the seamlessness of, say, a novel by Milan Kundera, though Pirsig doubtless never intended it to. The fact remains that *Lila*'s restless cogitation is, to purloin his own image, like the daring flightpath of a moth for all the beautifully precise thoughts fluttering out of these sometimes turgid pages, it is extremely hard to pin the work down. Halfway through the book there is a moment when *Lila* appears in the boat's hatchway: "It startled him for a moment. She was real, after all. All this theoretical thought about this advanced metaphysical abstraction called 'Lila' and here, before him, distant in tone and atmosphere from *Mainland* than Josephine Humphreys's *The Fireman's Fair*. It is a gentle, comic, pastoral affair, though to say it does not touch on life's larger themes would be wrong. It does, but in its own way - quietly, casually, almost in passing. Also set on an island, but this time off South Carolina, it tells of the ructions in the life of Rob Wyatt, a 32-year-old lawyer and part-time fireman, who ponders long and hard about the way he is going in the wake of the loud message from the heavens. In this he gets some help from a floundering but somehow wise-up teenager called Billie, who banishes thoughts of the boss's wife, Rob's long-lost love, and helps heal the rift between his batty parents. Rounding off with some harmless wish-fulfillment, this delightful novel is frothily done, but down below the exquisite bubbles lurk some fine old home truths about life in the slow lane. Someone in Hollywood will have fun with it.

# Kingsley and the young devil

ALAN WELLER

## Joseph Connolly reviews a strange affair between the novelist and the yobbo youf

Now here's a funny thing: Sir Kingsley Amis, fresh from his excoriating and hugely amusing *Memots* and fast approaching his 70th birthday, turns his hand for the very first time to a novel primarily intended for "young adults" - a term one would have thought expressly designed to make Amis wince with scorn and loathing.

A sort of explanation is put forward in the short introduction, where Amis tells us that of the hundreds of characters he has invented, the urge to revive any of them has become irresistible only "a couple of times" - Jenny Bunn, who originally appeared in *Take a Girl Like You* (1960) made a triumphant return in *Difficulties with Girls* (1988), while the rather character whom Amis cites as refusing to let him alone is his current hero, a 17-year-old cockney lad called Clive Rayner - star of a little known television play of the 1970s, apparently unpublished. The Great Jim Dixon also made a welcome comeback as Jake Richardson in *Jake's Thing*, but Amis chooses not to mention this, leaving the reader considerably perplexed as to why on earth from among Amis's tremendous gallery of heroes and villains it is left to young Clive to exert so strong a pull upon his creator. "I found as I wrote," says Amis, almost mystically, "that I cared more about him than about any of my previous male characters that I could remember." What - more than the bimbos and unforgettable Maurice Allingtoo of *The Green Man*? More than poor old Stanley Duke and all his women? Or even no *single* Old Devil? Crumbs - what has this upstart Clive Rayner got going for him?

**WE ARE ALL GUILTY**  
By Kingsley Amis  
Reinhardt Books, £7.99

On the face of it, not a lot. Clive is "pissed off" you see (for the funk, "hassled" by his stepfather, lumbered with a sort of girlfriend called Paula who is as dense as a duvet) and driven by boredom into bungling a pointless raid on a warehouse - whereupon he is further harassed by police officers straight out of Z-Cars. "Clive," says Sir Kingsley in the foreword, "is utterly unlike me," and one concedes the point. Up to the moment of the break-in,

Clive mopes around the house and streets being bored, is accused of nicking a tenner from his mother's handbag - this filling us with indignation until it turns out that he did it - and then has a spell of being bored in the Bengal Light Tandoori with near-idiot friends, Terry and Marilyn, not forgetting thicko Paula. Amid the flock wallpaper of this murky place there are flashes of classic, brilliant Amis dialogue (ie, non-communication) but so brief as to appear rationed. Such hopeless, working-class situations have been better done, and one wonders as to the point of it all. The point, it transpires, is trumpeted in the title: we are all guilty. An accidental result of the abortive burglary is that the elderly night watchman falls and is seriously injured, whereupon Clive is consumed by guilt - but no one will allow him to wallow in it to the degree he evidently

craves. His mother "understands", the vicar "understands" - and in a superb cameo, the female social worker gives the impression that not to have broken into the warehouse would have constituted a clear demonstration of deviance and (of course) that society itself is to blame.

Here the theme of an over-caring society and deprivation of guilt is not so much developed as it is repeated. Clive is left off by the court, his grouchy old stepfather forgives him, the policemen from central casting forgive him - even the partially paralysed nightwatchman and his wife forgive him, for God's sake, leaving the boy totally bereft of the one thing that lent form to his ghastly existence. Robbed of his richly merited guilt - oof spread among the worthy so thinly as to have become a mere patina if shared responsibility - he slumps back into nothingness. I cannot help thinking that if young Clive Rayner's mother had been the redoubtable Claire, he ever would have got into such a hole in the first place. The overall result is glum - a grey slice of life glimpsed through a Macallan, darkly - and the horrible "yoo!" market dust jacket does little to alleviate the gloom. As to Sir Kingsley's infatuation with Clive, I feel it must remain a matter for the two of them.



Kingsley Amis, on his first venture into the odd genre of teenage fiction, brings back a surprising character

## Here be hobbits for ever

Philippa Toomey

IN JANUARY it will be the centenary of J. R. R. Tolkien, the man who is the acknowledged master of the fantasy novel. To mark the eve of the feast, Grafton Books have brought out a new paperback edition: *The Hobbit*, £3.99. The Lord of the Rings, in three volumes, £4.99 each. There are revising new covers by John Howe, who seems to have got it right, each book edged in a golden line of Elvish. How will it stand up to generations not affected by the initial Hobbit mania? First published in 1937, the saga might have aged badly, but it has not. The magic still holds the reader in a spell (unbreakable except for meals), and the only thing that may shock a modern audience is that Hobbits smoke like chimneys.

Tolkien: The Illustrated Encyclopedia by David Day (Mitchell Beazley, £17.99) is a guide to absolutely everything you could have wished to know about Tolkien mythology, and then some. Divided into history, geography, sociology, natural history and biography, with maps and charts, it is variously (and to my mind, hideously) illustrated by sundry hands. I was once reproved by Rayner Unwin for calling the paperback covers hideous, because the illustrations were Tolkien's own. Strange how desire outruns performance. But if you want an illustrated A-Z of the flora and fauna of Middle-earth and the Undying Lands, David Day is your man, in the first of what will be an avalanche of centennial adulation. I recommend the rereading of the saga instead.

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■ *Deep Sleep*, by Frances Pyfield (Heinemann, £13.99). Crown prosecutor Helen West does not believe that the pharmacist's healthy wife died in her sleep of natural causes; the police, though, among whom West's lover Jeffrey Bailey, are loath to investigate further. Frissons mount as sinister backroom activities at Carlton's Caring Ch'miss point to a new victim; West, exceeding her prosecutorial duties, delves on. The undercurrent of menace and suppressed sexuality is beautifully

maintained; a sub-plot of bitter marital estrangement intervenes with searing realism. Pyfield's most restrained but most psychologically assured novel to date.

■ *Body of Evidence*, by Patricia Cornwell (MacDonald, £13.95). Stunning follow-up to *Post-Mortem*, last year's winner of the award for the best first crime novel, featuring again Dr Kay Scarpetta, feisty-vulnerable chief medical officer of Richmond, Virginia. Terrified writer Beryl Madison returns home from months of hiding to be slashed lifeless on her first night back by someone she let out and seeking revenge. Many gems of low life and bigoted dialogue along the way, but it doesn't get.

■ *Death of a Warrior Queen*, by S. T. Haymon (Constable, £12.99). Newly found Druid burial grounds in Suffolk yield

## Victorian virtues in dirty modern Bath

Marcel Berlins

THE LAST DETECTIVE  
By Peter Lovesey  
Scribners, £12.95

Slightly below par Leonard, over-corny plot involving an unlikely Florida judge with a penchant for handing out stiff sentences, his underwater caterpillar wife, a ten-foot alligator on his lawn, and an assortment of criminals he now sent down, some of them let out and seeking revenge.

archaeological treasures and also death and passion among odd-ball locals and diggers; at the centre, Timmy, a retarded but attractive 18-year-old, and his protector Hannah, the widow owner of the big house. Inspector Jurnet, in love, meddles reluctantly and sensitively. Haymon is one of the most elegant writers around; her characters are complex and interesting, plotting is exact, and she has an unerring feel for place.

■ *Comeback*, by Dick Francis (Michael Joseph, £14.99). When he is good he is very very good, but every now and again he comes up with a dud, and this is one of them. The hero is a young diplomat who for far-fetched reasons, gets caught up with a troubled vet in Gloucestershire. Racehorses brought to him for treatment die inexplicably, all sorts of family and business feuds and secrets emerge,

there's arson, murder, and the usual quota of fighting and loving. The problem is twofold. The hero is Francis's most insipid ever, and there's too much tedious, yet science.

■ *Corporate Bodies*, by Simon Brett (Gollancz, £13.99). Perpetually resting thespian sleuth Charles Paris, reduced to playing a fork-lift truck driver for a drinks commercial, finds company bimbo machine-crushed on factory floor. The amiably shambling Paris's investigation brings out the customary Bretonian fizz of one-liners and other verbal felicities, coupled with a wittily acerbic look at corporate absurdities and advertising horrors, not least the green muesli bar.

■ *Fine Distinctions*, by Deborah Valentine (Gollancz, £14.99). Tasty sculptress Katharine Craig leaves ex-coop turned author Kevin Bryce after quarrel. Her subsequently found abandoned car suggests foul play; a psychopathic IRA thug is in the vicinity. Bryce liaises un- easily with Irish Gardaí to search. Moody, off-beat, well written, atmospheric novel, with a firm, understated grip.

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Back on stage

INGMAR Bergman is working on what will be only his third opera production, following a 1961 *Rake's Progress* that won Stravinsky's approval and the 1974 film version of *The Magic Flute*. This time the piece is new: a setting of the *Bacchae* of Euripides by the Swedish composer Daniel Börtz, involving a large cast of singers, actors and dancers.



Bergman: to stage a Swedish opera

Last chance...

SOON to start recording their second album, The Black Crowes wind up a two-year stretch of touring with dates at Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham (0602 482626) tonight, and the Hammer-smith Odeon, London W6 (081-748 4081) tomorrow and Saturday. Having revived the working practices of classic Seventies' bands such as The Faces and Bad Company, while courting a little mild controversy along the way, the rebellious rockers have been rewarded with sales now in excess of three million for their aptly-titled 1989 debut album, *Shake Your Money Maker*.

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CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

Crowning glory for the British king

Imagine a day's prop list for Derek Jarman's *Edward II* (18, Curzon West End, Gate). Duffle coat, throne, riot shields, altar, soft-drinks cans, balaclava hoods, pyjamas. Not for Jarman the blinding deluge of Renaissance finery in Greenaway's *Prospero's Books*, or the dull parade of Kenneth Branagh's *Henry V*, styled in off-the-peg Tudor. Alone among these recent films of Eng. Lit. landmarks, Jarman yanks his chosen text into the modern world, rooting Marlowe's play in a malevolent society of conspicuous consumption, street riots and anti-gay legislation.

Geoff Brown reviews Derek Jarman's magnificent *Edward II*, *City Slickers*, *Doc Hollywood* and *Chattahoochee*

Violence plays a part: Isabella despatches one poor soul with a ferocious neck bite'

New Jerseyites nursing mid-life crises. To rejuvenate their batteries, the buddies venture on one of those "fulfil your fantasy" holidays, joining a cattle trek from New Mexico to Colorado.

Cannons Baker Street, Haymarket, Oxford Street, his first all-American film, pays homage to the master's 1941 classic, *Sullivan's Travels*, but the kilt has been replaced by Californian beach wear.

The brains of five writers forged the script, yet their labours only produced a mouse of a comedy, with a plot that might well have seemed fresh 60 years ago.

Following *Memphis Belle* for David Puttnam, Catoa-Jones comes along for the ride, but essentially this is a man's show: an over-stretched bundle of merry jests and mushy masculine thoughts about friendship.

Mick Jackson, another transplanted British director, is the man at the helm of *Chattahoochee* (15, Odeon Mezzanine); though given the post-production tinkering, it would be unfair to park all the film's deficiencies at his door.

Jarman's imagination always sets his films alight, but no feature before *Edward II* has carried quite so much punch. Its predecessors - *The Loss of England* and *The Garden* - presented a jostling carnival of apocalypse, poetry, and private thoughts. But Marlowe's play provides a stout narrative peg for the director's concern with sex, power, death and repression.

Edward II, newly-appointed Plantagenet king, antagonises Queen Isabella and the nobility by showering love and favours on an uncouth upstart, Gaveston. Aided by Isabella, power-hungry Mortimer galvanises the opposition to restore what they see as the country's dignity, civil war and brutal murder follow.

History relates (though it could well be myth) that Edward met a hideous end with a strategically placed hot poker. Since the film was made in Hammer's old studios at Bray, Jarman must have been tempted to pile on the horror.

Ever since Michael Catoa-Jones announced his ambition to be Preston Sturges in a kilt, I have waited for this talented director's Highland Ring. One scene in *Doc Hollywood* (12,



Giving Marlowe's lines a modern swing: Steven Waddington as the Plantagenet King

submerged in a Fidel Castro beard, manages a decent sketch of a simple man fighting injustice, but Dennis Hopper, as his prison chum, hardly survives the scissors.

Perhaps *Chattahoochee* would never have amounted to much: by straining so hard for squalor, Jackson intensifies the ponderous clichés of this mental hospital far side of hell. Still, nobody has suffered lasting career

horrid crime and the state's horrid punishment; even the billious colour adds to the film's pain. You may not emerge dancing, but you will have witnessed a master director and moral inquisitor at the peak of his powers.

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, at the Festival Hall this weekend, has made a remarkable leap in standards says Richard Morrison

Ten things that the British know about Atlanta, Georgia: *Gone with the Wind*, Ted Turner's omnipresent CNN, Coca-Cola, Martin Luther King, the 1996 Olympics and... well, perhaps ten was too ambitious a target.

Gone with the wind of change

Money and power helps. Atlanta, the boom city of the Deep South, has plenty of both. For every dollar it gets in public subsidy, the Atlanta Symphony receives \$79 from private and corporate purses - and that adds up to a \$16 million (£9.4 million) budget.



Hardworking baton: Atlanta Symphony's Yoel Levi

time-consuming meaning of the term. Since 1988, Atlanta has had such a figure: the 41-year-old Israeli, Yoel Levi.

That tenacity is evident in his dealings in Atlanta. Life for the players was undeniably more easy-going before he came. "I work them very hard," admits Levi. "That was a shock to people."

And if listeners detect that the new Atlanta sound bears a strange similarity to that of the Cleveland Orchestra, its creator will not demur: Levi reveres that illustrious ensemble. It is not surprising: after studying at the Guildhall in London, he spent six years in Cleveland as resident (or assistant) conductor: a period which changed his musical outlook forever.

More shocks followed: Levi began restocking the orchestra with bright young things. "I expect a tremendously high level of technique, plus the ability to blend in. The idea is to create a unified colour throughout the orchestra. Sometimes the right person is hard to find, so I am patient. We looked for two years for the right flute player."

Levi is cultivating an emphasis on precision and clarity rather than blaze and bloom.

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# Visual illiteracy

## An artless British Library is a travesty, says Richard Cork

Imagine, for one appalling moment, that the creators of the great gothic cathedrals had decided to leave their buildings unadorned. What would Chartres and its counterparts be like without the carvings, or the stained-glass windows irradiating the shadows within? The notion of dispensing with such things is barbaric, but the government stands convicted of just such a crime. By abandoning its commitment to contribute to the expected £425,000 cost of a specially commissioned tapestry and sculptures for the new British Library, it is decreeing that art has no place even in the most ambitious new buildings. No wonder that the four external members of the committee formed to select the library's works of art have resigned. They were appointed two years ago by the arts minister himself, Sir Richard Luce, who rightly saw the £450 million building as a showcase for British art. Luce was personally committed to the idea: writing in 1987, he deplored the fact that enrichment of great buildings "was stripped away in the stern functionalism of recent times". We are beginning, he wrote, "to realise just how much we have lost and how unsatisfying and lack-lustre buildings can become".

Unlike many contemporary architects, Colin St John Wilson, who designed the new British Library, has always possessed a lively appetite for painting and sculpture. A distinguished collector of 20th-century art, he was determined from the outset to place appropriate works in carefully chosen sites within the building and on the piazza outside. His first commission, for the western wall of the monumental entrance hall, was a colossal tapestry by R.B. Kitaj. No living painter is more of an obsessive bibliophile, and the tapestry was to be based on one of his most outstanding canvases: *If Not, Not*. It is a complex image: a half-tragic, half-lyrical meditation on a war-ravaged European landscape. Above all, the painting is indebted to Kitaj's fascination with T.S. Eliot's *The Waste Land*, a felicitous literary link with the contents of the building.

Sir Eduardo Paolozzi's arresting bronze statue of Newton was equally apt. Intended to confront visitors immediately inside the main entrance gateway, the heavily muscled figure would have sat on a plinth 12 ft above the piazza. Engrossed in momentous calculations, it is openly based on William Blake's celebrated image of Newton plotting the universe with a pair of outsize dividers. But the picture was supposed to be satirical, with Newton shown on the ocean floor, oblivious to the wonders around him. Since Blake frowned on any attempt to reduce the mysteries of the cosmos to mathematical formulae, he and Newton could hardly be more opposed to their visions of the world. The gulf between them attracted Paolozzi, bridging the arts and sciences in one troubling and ambiguous image.

Across the piazza, an amphitheatre is being built for poetry readings and other literary events. Antony Gormley won a competition to provide a series of large granite sculptures behind the seating. Each stone would have been incised with contours based, like much of Gormley's work, on the artist's own body. Union relishes the contrast between Paolozzi's bronze "where humanity seems to be moving towards the robot", and Gormley's "ageless granite on the point of becoming human".

Far from dispensable baubles, all these works are densely meditated images occupying integral sites within the design. If the government persists with its decision, it will deprive the British Library of essential enrichment, and imply that art has no role to play in the shaping of modern urban life.

Richard Dunn, chief executive of rejected Thames TV, argues that the franchise lottery puts ITV at risk

# Television's blind date



Richard Dunn: forced to shed 1,000 jobs

The first and most certain thing to say about Thames Television being outbid in the franchise contest is that one thousand highly skilled and experienced people will lose their jobs. They have worked hard to provide a diverse service of high quality for their viewers, a service rich in entertainment, information and education. Glance at what's on ITV this week and you will see that for London audiences these people are making *Thames News*, *Thames Help*, *Thames Reports*, *Thames Actions*, *The City Programme* and *A Problem Aired*. For the ITV network, they have made children's programmes and the peak-time programmes *Strike it Lucky*, *The Bill*, *Mr Bean*, *Waugh Memorial*, *This is Your Life* and *Minder*.

You do not have to watch all these Thames programmes — and scores of others such as *Wish You Were Here* and *Rumpole* — to know that they give pleasure and enrich the lives of millions of people. I have every reason to be proud of my staff, proud of their track record, proud of their showbusiness, journalistic and educational skills. They have proved in all departments to be a match for the best, and it is tragic that they are to be made redundant as a result of an award system that has been described as "possibly the most ludicrous in corporate history".

The second thing to say is that many of the most popular programmes on British television are now at risk. Nearly half the British-originated programmes in this autumn's ITV weekday evening schedule are made by Thames, and they earn nearly half the network's ratings. Some of them may be bought by the BBC, and some may be seen only by those with satellite dishes. Certainly, the experienced team of television journalists who produce *This Week* will be broken up after 35 years of current affairs reporting of the highest standard, as will many of our other specialised teams. The trained and talented staff who enabled Thames to produce for ITV big events like royal weddings, the Teletthon, and the Rugby World Cup will be broken up as well. Other fine companies have suffered the same summary "fate" after a five-month wait during which our conversations with the ITC have taken place about our applications, and our account has been taken of our records.

The original objective of the ITV auction was to put downward pressure on costs. When the Peacock Committee reported in 1986, this was a legitimate aim, but by the time the Broadcasting Bill was before Parliament in 1990, overmanaging and restrictive practices had been all but eliminated. The government wanted an objective and transparent method of allocation, yet what it came up with is an almost unintelligible mixture of objective and subjective judgments, with practically no viewer involvement. The government wanted to establish the market value of ITV licences, but this backfired spectacularly when TVS bid £9.8 million and Central, unopposed, bid £2,000. No reserve cash price for each licence was set.

There was a better way. As the IBA and the ITV Association proposed, bidders must run a federal system with low bidders; a new system of central scheduling and commissioning must be agreed within three months; the boisterous new will dispute with the experienced old; the old regulated power blocs will be replaced by less accountable concentrations of power, and the separation of production from responsibility for managing the schedule will affect the attainment of excellence. For Thames, there are now new

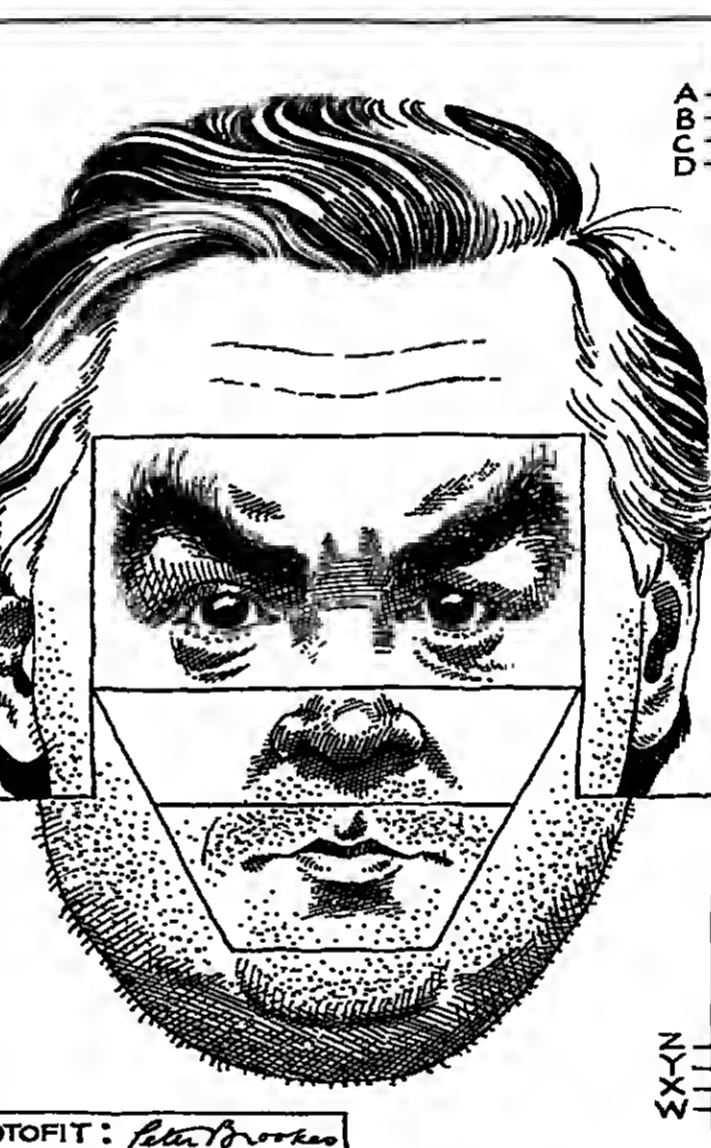
objectives: to provide the most attractive service for our viewers and advertisers throughout 1992, and to become Britain's leading independent production company from 1993. Already we attract more than a third of our revenue from sources other than advertising, and we will now offer to all channels our current programmes, new productions and popular repeats from our valuable and extensive library. We will offer resources and facilities to individual producers and other independent production companies. We shall also nurture our investments, and be looking closely at re-entering broadcasting through the Astra satellite system, Channel 5, or, in two years' time, ITV. Others have often referred to Thames Television as the flagship company. The flagship will soon leave the broadcast fleet to become a major programme producer. Some questions can only be answered in the mid-1990s. Which way will the winds of competition and high Treasury bills now blow the Channel 3 broadcasters? Will building a London programme nights "studio", as we now plan, prove a better bet? Who knows? But this flagship still feels it holds the compass.

# Wanted: for daylight robbery

## Bernard Levin cheers on a case against the government's policies

That merry fellow A.P. Herbert died in 1971, and today in particular I wish he hadn't. A.P., as he was always known, had an enormous number of careers, he was a lawyer, a poet, a novelist, playwright and songwriter, a sailor and an MP, in which last capacity he instituted, by a private member's bill, a reform of the divorce laws, which had not been touched for three-quarters of a century.

wide variety of businesses. He claims that he was doing well, and showing handsome profits, until the present government wrecked the economy and ruined him; no doubt many tradesmen and dealers would make the same complaint, but Mr Harries did more. He went to the High Court and launched an action against the government, demanding a million pounds in compensation. This is out as startling as you might think. If I make and sell hooey, and the man next door pours a couple of hundred gallons of cows' urine into my vat, I have a cause of action against him, and if the case is proved, he will certainly have to pay. Why, then, should there be any difference if a businessman has his metaphorical honey ruined with metaphorical urine because of the government's indifference, carelessness or incompetence?



PHOTOFIT: Peter Brown

He must be shouting to heaven today, because there is a real lawsuit moving through the law's ponderous stages, which would have made a misleading case without his needing to touch it, so exactly does it fit the genre. A.P. wrote *Rex v Puddle*, in which a Collector of Taxes was convicted of demanding money with menaces; he wrote *Board of Inland Revenue v Haddock*, in which the defendant wrote his tax-cheque on a cow ("Was the cow crossed?"; "No, your worship, it was an open cow") and insisted that it was a valid method of payment; and he attempted (in reality, not in print) to prosecute the House of Commons for allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages after the legal hour. But he did not write *Harries v The British Government*.

Mr Harries is an entrepreneur, living in Cardiff, and managing a

Harries purchased four properties on mortgage.

- Not keeping proper control over the Bank of England, so that interest rates almost doubled and he had difficulty keeping up payments on his mortgage loans.
- Creating an economic climate in which demand for properties diminished dramatically, so that he was deprived of his collateral

and was unable to borrow more money, pay off creditors or diversify into other business.

- Causing continual and increasing unemployment which deprived him of enough customers with money to use his services.
- Causing him stress owing to the danger of business failure and subsequent "unemployment, penury and destitution".

Mr Harries is not proposing to lay criminal charges against members of the government (although he could find dozens: false pretences, conspiracy to defraud, trading when insolvent, spending clients' money without authorisation — the list is endless). Mr Harries eschews vengeance: he wants only restitution, and I heartily hope he gets it.

His first move has been surprisingly successful: instead of being turned away from the court as a madman, he has been permitted to get his case on its feet; for how long remains to be seen. There was a hurried attempt by the Treasury solicitor to have the action struck out, but the court official in charge rejected the application, saying that the case was "worthy of consideration". Probably, the Attorney-General — he must be useful for something — will find a way to fiddle Mr Harries out of his case. But if out, our hero is determined to finish what he has started.

He may have established a precedent; with luck he may actually win. To be sure, nobody claims that the government ruined the economy deliberately and with malice aforethought; the worst that can be charged against them is that they made terrible mistakes. But remember my illustration with the honey and the urine; in our law a preventable accident is quite enough for damages; Mr Harries is demanding recompense, and if he can show that (a) the cause of his ruin was the way the government ran the economy and (b) they ran it in a way which they knew, or ought to have known, would be deleterious to all those who depended upon it,

he must get his reward. (A word of advice to Mr Harries: do not specify the quantum of damages you think appropriate. If you have a jury, you will probably get many millions anyway; if a judge, he might give you even more; I presume you know already that you should get Carman as your peer; he'll have the courtroom a foot deep in tears by the end of the first day.)

But it is the precedent that intrigues me most. Hitherto, there has been only one way for us to call the government to account, which is to turn it out at the next election. But this is obviously an unwieldy and indeed uncertain course; no individual can achieve it alone. There have, it is true, been cases in which some minister has been found to have exceeded his lawful powers or have acted unjustly, and such wrongs have been put right. But hitherto these cases were invariably specific: an exact and measurable wrong has been put exactly and measurably right. Mr Harries is a pioneer. If he wins, we shall be able to belabour the government in general with our complaints in general.

As you would expect of me, I long to go further. I look forward to the day when ministers, brought to book for general rather than particular offences, can be put in prison for a minimum of 25 years, and others at least flogged. (It should not be necessary for me to say that if Mr Harries wins, I shall at once begin a campaign to have the Chancellor hanged.) The village Hampden of Cathedral Street, Cardiff, has ensured his place in history, whether he wins or loses. We cannot realistically hope for a revolution (though I doubt Hampden expected the momentous consequences of his modest action), but if he wins he will have forged an instrument before which governments will quail, and even if he loses, they will conduct affairs with regular and frequent glances over their shoulders. *Eppur si muove.*



## ...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

One of the many delights of writing nonsense in newspapers is that every now and then a free gift arrives through the post. Mrs Kenward, who until a couple of months ago was the doyenne of nonsense-writers with her Jennifer's Diary column in *Harper's & Queen*, would regularly devote a long paragraph to thanking delightful manufacturers for being so kind as to send her, out of the goodness of their hearts, their splendid products. The delightful manufacturers, delighted that Jennifer should be so delighted — and so publicly delighted at that — would then delight her further by sending her even more delightful products. Result: delight all round.

It is damning testament to my inferior powers of enthusiasm, alas, that manufacturers of scarves, perfumes, beauty products and knitwear have so far avoided me. I suppose I appeal more to what one might call the bonum end of the market. So nothing could have prepared me for the delight (not too strong a word, I think) with which I received my free gift in yesterday's post. Two weeks ago, I wrote in this column about *Top of the Pops*. They present! Yesterday, I received *Persistence: The Official Newsletter of the Slade International Fan Club*. At last, a major victory over Mrs Kenward.

I feel sure all readers of *The Times* know who, or what, Slade are, or is. Even the most ascetic reader will be able to hum the

tunes of "Coz I Luv You" (Number 1 in October 1971), "Look Wot You Dun" (Number 4 in February 1972) and "Cum on Feel the Noize" (Number 1 in March 1973) and "Skweeze Me Pleaze Me" (Number 1 in June 1973) without reference to their song-sheets. But for those whose memories are a little rusty, I am delighted to recommend a subscription to "Percy", as it is known by its editor, Male. Let me whet your appetites. *Persistence* opens in a rather more intimate way than regular readers of *The Times* may be used to ("Hi Howya doin'") before announcing, in spelling the group might envy, a new single by Slade. Everyone who has heard it, says Male, "reckons that it is definite TOP 40 material and will put the Boyz back where they should be, chart-bound". The "B" side, too, is "a belting rocker with Nod stuffing the verbals right into your eardrums, great stuff Dave". The possibility of a return to the charts by Slade is a constant theme of the newsletter, for, as you will remember, Slade's last single to scrape into the Top 100 was the lazily-spelt "Still The Same", which reached Number 73 for two weeks in 1987. As the title of its newsletter implies, the fan club was formed at Slade's nadir: "Slade fans are a very rare breed, like the band themselves, they have stuck together when the chips were down... I wonder how many people reading this remember the glory days when advance sales alone were

enough to put the latest Slade release into the top slot", writes Dave Percival in a profile of the average Slade fan. After some much-requested song-sheets, including the full lyrics to "I'm mee, I'm now an' that's ori" (chorus: "We gotta hold tight, yeh / And can't you see they're lettin' us through / We gotta hold tight yeh / And can't you see they're lettin' us through"), there is a Postbag ("The new single is brilliant, Slade back in rockin' form again, if this is not a major hit then there is no justice in the world — Kenny Bell, Newcastle"), followed by a Fan File in which the leading British collector of Slade memorabilia, Mark Richards, reports on a meeting with the leading French collector, Gerard Goyer. Gerard's collection "is without doubt the most complete in the world". The two are pictured performing the traditional Slade sideways thumbs-up while hand-distributing two Slade album-covers. "Slade were very big in France in the early 70's", says Gerard, "but when their decline started in the late 70's very few people remained loyal to the band. There are still quite a few fans over here but we live far apart...". The enthusiasm is contagious. Will the new single be Slade's first hit in eight years? I agree with Male: "Get yourself off down to the record shop, order a couple of copies and tell a dozen friends." As Mrs Kenward might say, a Slade Number One would be a reel delite.

## Prince's press gang

LABOUR really is becoming respectable these days. Even royalty is now recruiting its staff from the ranks of Walworth Road. In a setback to Neil Kinnock's general election plans, it emerged yesterday that Colin Byrne, Labour's chief press officer, is to quit politics for the world of polo and country house estates. The Labour leader tried hard to persuade Byrne to stay, but he has turned Kinnock down in order to work for the Prince of Wales. He will work for the Prince's Trust, doing press work for the Business in the Community project and the Prince of Wales Business Leaders' Forum in December. "I have always admired Prince Charles," says Byrne. "It is the first job that I have seen for several years which I was interested in." Only three months ago Byrne was at the centre of a row which led to the resignation of John Underwood, who had succeeded Peter Mandelson as Labour's communications director. Underwood went to Kinnock with a "him or me" ultimatum, only for the Labour leader to back Byrne, who was one of Mandelson's closest lieutenants. Byrne failed to succeed Mandelson, and never hit it off with Underwood, who did. The move establishes interesting links between the Prince's office and Labour leader Neil Kinnock. Byrne is engaged to Kinnock's press secretary, Julie Hall.

- Can faxes save the day in war-torn Zagreb? An international graphic exhibition due to open in November has been left bereft of entries from around the world as communications crumble due to the civil war. But contact by fax



remains unaffected. The call is for graphic designers to fax designs suitable for peace posters and leaflets to help end the fighting in Croatia. May the fax prove mightier than the sword.

## TV eye

THE cameras were turned on the television companies who had lost their franchises yesterday, posing the tricky problem of how to report their own bad news. TV-am had it easy. It came off air at 9.25, missing by half an hour the oews of its own demise. Thames was not so lucky. It resisted the temptation to play funeral music — just — but the tone of its regional news bulletins was sombre. Carlton, the company that beat it, received barely a mention. Instead of jolly shots of champagne bottles being cracked open at its rivals' headquarters, it showed gloomy sound-bites from Thames's own employees, dismayed at the decision. One piece of film was conspicuously absent: the dramatic moment when the fax bearing the bad news arrived at the Thames offices. "We decided not to film that as a matter of company policy," said a spokesman. At TV South West, the mood was marginally more up-beat. They gave their own defeat the main slot on the six o'clock programme, featuring an interview

with their successful rivals, Westcountry Television. "We are playing it very square," said John Williams, head of news and current affairs. "We will be fully objective to the last." The accolade for professionalism, however, must go to TVS. "It's just another story," insisted David Morris Jones, the company's head of news.

## Musical mufi

JEANS ruled in the orchestra pit at Covent Garden this week. Musicians eschewed the customary black tie in favour of more casual attire on Tuesday night as a protest against the management. "The orchestra is taking industrial action in an attempt to improve basic salaries," read a pamphlet handed out in the crush bar by musicians before they rushed to take their seats in the pit for the performance of *Rigoletto*. "We are the only section of the Royal Opera House who have to pay for our tools and clothing." The orchestra calculates that the



total cost of its instruments exceeds £2 million. Covent Garden would only say that negotiations are "in progress". But the audience, invited to show their support by the de-

gree of their applause, appeared more than sympathetic. The ovation was said to be deafening.

- Last week the *Diary* reproduced an example of Kenneth Clarke's illegible handwriting. Now the chairwoman of the governors of a school in Middlesex has received a letter from the education secretary which indicates that his grammar, too, fails to come up to the standards expected under the national curriculum. It is addressed "to all chairman of governors of LEA and grant-maintained schools".

## Post facto?

AMERICA'S *Washington Post* presses itself on probing investigations into the capital's skulduggery. But this week it had to apologise for an article about Justice Clarence Thomas which brushed aside Anita Hill's allegations of sexual harassment. The writer may have had his own reason: he turned out to be under investigation for similar alleged conduct. When confronted with this uncomfortable suggestion, the journalist, Juan Williams, said he had written his column before he "had any knowledge of any investigation". And anyway, he went on: "My journalistic ethics and the ethics of the newspaper were never compromised." Leonard Downie, the paper's executive editor, had to admit to readers that he had "mistakenly failed to inform" Williams's section editor about the enquiry. ● A Danish newspaper has imposed a 100-day moratorium on its political coverage. Jan Kjaergaard, a political reporter with *Ekstra Bladet*, says: "Our readers are bored by parliament because the government doesn't come up with anything original. So we are staying away for the moment." Will British papers follow?



## ITV AUCTION FIASCO

Nobody — neither minister nor television company, programme-maker nor viewer — believes that the way the commercial television oligopoly was reformed yesterday was anything other than a fiasco. The prime beneficiaries are a mere handful of private shareholders and the Treasury. That the new structure has at least some of the better features of the old one is largely due to the Independent Television Commission. Making the best of a terrible job, it has led the bull of market forces out of the china shop of British television licensing without too many breakages. The government should never ask such a task of it again.

Just four of the 16 incumbent television franchise-holders were sacrificed to shake up the industry, let in new blood, and warn the others against complacency. In no case does a franchise appear to have been lost simply because more money was bid by a competitor. This negated the central, and silly, principle on which the "auction system" was supposed to work: that the more money a company gave the Treasury, and thus the more money it had left for programme-making, the greater was its entitlement to a franchise. The ITC determined to let what are termed "quality" considerations override financial ones. The discretionary judgment of a panel of the great and good — the very mechanism the government wanted to replace with simple market forces — has thus saved the bacon of the old industry moguls.

Some of the resulting justice is rough. That LWT and Sunrise should have riches showered on them while Thames and TV-am are cast into utter darkness seems cruel. None of the existing franchise-holders was a public-service broadcasting angel. The ITC's susceptibility to "loss leader" programming and lobbying shows how little has changed from the old system. But whether the losers can cry all the way to the courts is doubtful. The Broadcasting Act 1990 was carefully drafted to avoid any such unedifying review.

Nor is the outlook all gloom. Some of the losers may move into satellite and cable, expanding consumer choice there. The

existing franchise-holders have made great strides in slimming down their bloated establishments and in encouraging independent producers. Both the BBC and the commercial companies must now move further in the direction of shared production and programmes "bought in" from independent producers. Two of the four newcomers, Carlton (replacing Thames in the weekday London slot) and Meridian, TVS's successor in the south of England, propose to rely heavily on outside production for entertainment and drama while concentrating their in-house output on news and current affairs.

These "publisher-contractor" companies operate by commissioning programmes from other producers, in the manner pioneered by Channel 4. This should expand finance available to the independent production sector, the most creative area in British television. Carlton has been an independent producer, involved in such well-acclaimed programmes as *Inspector Morse*. In a reversal of roles, Carlton could make room for Thames to become an independent programme-maker itself. Thames is potentially the largest independent in Europe.

So much, so good. But auctioning terrestrial commercial television was always intended to benefit the Treasury not the television viewer. The result must be fewer resources available for programme-making and thus for competing with the cheap products on offer from the American television industry.

Certainly the ITC has encouraged a trend away from the corporate uniformity of television in the 1970s and 1980s, towards a richer mixture of franchise-holders and independents. With luck it has also paved the way for a greater diversity of non-terrestrial programmes on the nation's screens. But as this year's equally chaotic award of commercial radio franchises showed, Britain is no nearer a coherent broadcasting policy. With the BBC's franchise next in line for renewal, that lacuna must soon be filled.

## EUROPEAN POLITICAL ARMY

In the public relations battle over European defence, the French appear to have won the latest bout. Two days after a deceptively emollient visit to London by Roland Dumas and Pierre Joxe, the French foreign and defence ministers, France and Germany have published a plan for a joint 50,000-man force which they hope will become an embryonic European army of up to 100,000.

The proposals are designed as a basis for the treaty on political union. They are intended to turn the Western European Union into the European Community's defence arm. They have caused as much surprise and pique in London as the recent Anglo-Italian plan, linking the WEU firmly to Nato, caused in Paris. Washington has carefully played the proposal down as one among many in the run-up to Maastricht, but the Pentagon's distaste for any "European pillar" of defence which seemed to count America out is no secret.

The plan is something of a coup for France, coming after many setbacks to its efforts to construct a European defence entity independent of Nato. The Dutch, now holding the presidency, have been fiercely opposed to the idea and the Italians have defected to the British camp. The Germans, anxious to do nothing to prompt a strategic American withdrawal from Europe but also out to reassure France that the Franco-German "couple" was still firmly wedded, were clearly playing on both sides of the net.

President Mitterrand badly needed to regain the initiative. France has been playing its cards clumsily of late. It is in unaccustomed conflict with the European Commission over mergers, industrial policy and Japanese cars. Mitterrand's attempt to upstage the Dutch presidency by inviting EC members to Paris last week to discuss defence backfired. Quarrels with Bonn over Yugoslavia have compounded French sus-

picious that a united Germany is no longer a reliably pliant partner.

At home Mitterrand is increasingly portrayed as a tired leader, preferring the political landscape of the Cold War to the new realities. But he is not the only one who has been beaten by the end of the Cold War. The Gaullist legacy is an anachronism which nobody yet dares quite to disclaim but which inhibits public discussion of conscription, France's role in Nato and the embarrassing military lessons France learned from the Gulf war. Such questions have become mixed with the larger end-of-era dissatisfaction with the government.

Herr Kohl's signature on France's defence proposals is thus symbolically important. German motives are clear. Bonn believes that bowing to the French is the best way of coaxing them back fully into Nato. Germany also may hope to obtain a stronger French commitment to political union, including a common foreign policy and more powers for the European parliament.

Whatever its reservations about monetary union, which are growing, the German government continues to believe passionately in a federal Europe. But it is keeping all options open. Is Germany really willing for decisions on Yugoslavia to be taken by majority vote? Will Bonn risk alienating America on Nato?

The WEU is emerging as the crucial institution in the rival defence plans, with a tug-of-war between Britain and France on how far it can be pulled away from Nato and into a new Community defence structure. Despite the latest Franco-German proposals, the Anglo-Italian plan still seems to command greater EC support. But the latest Franco-German army manoeuvre is a sobering reminder that Britain cannot count on enlisting either against the other on the home stretch to Maastricht.

## DEGENERATE ART

Two still-life pastels by a minor Austrian artist of the early 20th century named Adolf Hitler, painted at the ages of 12 and 22, were sold at auction in Yorkshire yesterday for £1,600 and £1,500 respectively. Such a sale is remote from art: the price was determined by the market in Nazi memorabilia. All the same, the thought that Hitler's work should be evaluated not on moral but on purely aesthetic grounds is subversive of several cherished assumptions about the relationship between art and morality. Integrity may be wedded to art, but talent is promiscuous.

The very ordinariness of Hitler's daubs is disconcerting: surely the author of National Socialism must have painted in a Nazi style? Yet they are merely mediocre examples of a genre common at the time. Goebbels, his most faithful lieutenant, wrote an autobiographical novel, *Michael*, which ranks among the lesser examples of expressionist literature in the early 1920s. Only a handful of genuine artists held Nazi views. The poet Gottfried Benn, the painter Emil Nolde, the conductor Herbert von Karajan all compromised their independence, yet their work during the Third Reich is rightly remembered as among their best.

The modern artform *par excellence*, the cinema, can be no less sinister in its disjunction between grandeur of style and servility of content. Leni Riefenstahl's films for the Nazis still confer undeserved glamour upon the detestable; Eisenstein's epics impress despite their ideological ballast.

Architecture, from the Pyramid of Cheops to the Prince of Wales's projected Pound-

bury townscape at Dorchester, has always had an eminently political function; and yet the integrity of the architect is remarkably difficult for the dictator to subvert. Even if the prince's architectural adviser, Leon Krier, is an authority on Albert Speer's architecture, the influence of Hitler's favourite architect does not taint this Anglicised idyll of neoclassicism.

Music, the most abstract of the arts, is often posthumously arraigned before the court of conscience. Did not the cock crow for composers such as Richard Strauss or Hans Pfitzner when they acquiesced in the Nazi ban on Jewish composers such as Mahler or Mendelssohn? Was not Shostakovich compromised by his public self-inculpation at Stalin's behest, despite his private views? Indeed; but these are all supreme masters, whom to censure would be a greater mistake than their own cowardice.

From Nietzsche's dictum that the world could only be justified as an aesthetic phenomenon, to Wittgenstein's revision of ethics as a branch of aesthetics, the view of art as value-free and morally neutral has gained ground this century. But it would be nice to think that artists of the next century will feel compelled neither to make excuses for the world, nor to exclude from consideration the values which make it bearable. At its best, art can seem to be the saving grace bequeathed by an invisible deity to the human race after it had made a muddle of more direct paths to salvation. At its worst, art is... a still-life by Adolf Hitler.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Tunnel firms and 'oath of silence'

From the Chief Executive of Eurotunnel

Sir, In your Business pages, Comment (October 16) urged Eurotunnel to "revive" an "oath of silence" about the Channel tunnel project to which, it said, the member companies of Transmanche Link (TML), our contractor, are sworn. The facts are as follows:

1. The member companies in TML proposed a confidentiality clause as part of their submission to the British and French governments in 1985. Those TML members then drafted it into their construction contract for Eurotunnel in 1986. It was not imposed on them and it resembles standard clauses in the construction industry.

2. The key clause signed by TML in 1986 after the above process has been 9 (3): "The Contractor ('TML') shall not without the prior written approval of the Employer ('Eurotunnel')... impart to any publication, journal, or newspaper or any radio or television programme, any information relating to the Works."

3. It has been recognised, explicitly, between Eurotunnel and TML that quoted companies must honour their duty to give adequate and accurate information in statements to the Stock Exchange and to their shareholders in order to assure fair trading in their shares. Eurotunnel is a quoted group, so are all the British and French member companies of TML, but not TML. At no time has Eurotunnel ever intervened to prevent the member companies of TML reporting accurately and fully.

Your Comment column confirmed we have met our respon-

sibility to shareholders with our half-year report. I confirm again that the member companies of TML are free to meet the same responsibility *subject to accuracy*. That has been understood, explicitly, between Eurotunnel and those companies all along.

Two further points of information:

1. As always, Eurotunnel's reports to shareholders are considered and approved by its Anglo-French board of directors.

2. With regard to claims, little has changed since the details set out in our prospectus in November 1990. Recent developments were spelled out in our annual report in April and our half-year statement last week. Other material developments are being reported appropriately.

It is clear to me that journalists following this project find that TML spokespersons and "sources close to TML" are very free with adverse comments about Eurotunnel to the media. It seems the alleged "gag" is only pleaded when the question asked is inconvenient to TML or its member companies.

As for comments attributed to TML itself over the past few days, if necessary legal judgment can be given later, to us or our shareholders, whether they are in breach of contract or intended to injure the value of our shareholders' interest in this enterprise.

Yours faithfully,  
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### Croatian heritage

From Mr John Sell and Ms Jane Wade

Sir, As more information comes to us from our rural architecture members in Croatia it does seem to us that some Serbians are trying not just to annex large parts of Croatia or even stop it preventing Croatian independence but rather to destroy the Croatian heritage both cultural and natural.

Our concern is, of course, for the people of Yugoslavia but also with an important part of the European heritage. It is unthinkable that the world should be asked to accept the destruction of such beautiful Venetian towns as Dubrovnik, Hvar and Korcula, the timber houses of Pannonia or the fragile natural beauty of the Plitvice lakes. This destruction has now become a European cultural issue. Dubrovnik and the Plitvice lakes are World Heritage sites designated by Unesco.

We call upon people concerned at the destruction of this European heritage to write to Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, expressing their dismay at Serbia's irresponsibility.

Yours etc,  
JOHN SELL (Chairman),  
JANE WADE (Rapporteur),  
Ecovast (Rural Architecture Working Group of the European Council for the Village and Small Town),  
17 Dalsham Mews, NW3,  
October 15.

### Rolls-Royce rejection

From Lord Caldecote, FENG

Sir, You reported on October 10 (Business) the damage done to Rolls-Royce by British Airways' refusal to buy Rolls-Royce Trent engines for its Boeing 777 fleet which was largely to blame for All Nippon Airways' decision not to choose Rolls-Royce engines.

ANA's senior vice-president said "it was a shock to us when BA said they would not be using Rolls-Royce". BA's comment simply referred to "the best interests of BA and our shareholders".

In 1964 a merchant banker succeeded the late Sir Matthew Slattery as chairman of British Overseas Airways Corporation, which had placed large orders with British Aircraft Corporation for VC10s and super-VC10s. The new chairman cancelled these orders and ordered instead 177 aircraft on the grounds that this was best for BOAC. This decision, incidentally taken on false premises, did immense damage to the British civil aircraft industry from which it has never recovered.

Will we never learn that in the long run what is bad for Britain is bad business?

Yours faithfully,  
CALDECOTE,  
House of Lords,  
October 11.

### Rugby rainbow

From Mr J. G. Ackerley

Sir, Although I am not a rugby enthusiast I can well understand the anger felt by Christian, Lady Heskest (letter, October 12) concerning the garish change of strip of the England XV.

Many of us soccer devotees still lament the day when the late Don Revie somehow persuaded other "tasteless vulgarians" to dispense with the classic white and black colours which had graced the England XI for generations.

Yours faithfully,  
J. G. ACKERLEY,  
4 Haygate Drive, Wellington,  
Telford, Shropshire,  
October 12.

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### An unreal picture of life at Oxford

From Dr Paul M. Hayes

Sir, The interperate and highly personalised article by Peter Roebuck, "Feeble Keble disgraced by Weston snub" (October 13), will do nothing to assist the prospects of games players who would like to come to Oxford. Those here who are hostile to games will have had their worst suspicions confirmed; those who are friendly will not be encouraged.

The picture painted both of the university and Keble College is unreal. Mr Roebuck has chosen a number of isolated incidents and drawn general conclusions from particular events. It is rather like arguing that because on occasions he failed, Bradman was not a great player. As Mr Roebuck has apparently made no effort to talk to me, or to anyone else at Keble, it is hard to know upon what evidence he bases his assertions about my values, interests or outlook on life.

At Keble, during the 26 years I have been a tutor, many sportsmen, and, more recently, sportswomen, have been pupils of mine. I have had much experience of what needs to be done in order to combine sporting achievement with the fulfilment of academic potential. The case of Philip Weston was judged accordingly; I did not think that, given all his other commitments during both term and vacation, it would have been possible for him to combine a cricket tour of Pakistan with the academic work required of him. This decision was not taken lightly, and was done with regret. As a matter of fact, contrary to Mr Roebuck's assertion, I did not refuse Mr Weston a place for 1992—I said I could not reserve one for him.

Mr Roebuck clearly knows next to nothing about Keble, which has had an excellent sporting record for many years. Among my own pupils who finished in 1991 may be numbered David Pigg (hockey) and cricket blues, and the only distinction in the diploma in social studies), Robert MacDonald (master and cricket blues) and David Norwood (chess grand master and a 2.1 in modern history). They are the most recent of a long line and they are being followed by others.

Frankly, it is their respect which I would wish to have—not that of Mr Roebuck, who even supposes that the author of the phrase "in the long run we are all dead" was an Oxford man. Like Mr Roebuck, J. M. Keynes was from Cambridge.

Yours faithfully,  
PAUL M. HAYES (Senior tutor),  
Keble College, Oxford.

From Mr G. B. T. Lovell  
Sir, The case involving Keble College and Philip Weston has been most unfortunate. It has given Oxford University and its sport (particularly cricket) some very poor publicity when truthfully great progress has been made to redress a declining situation.

Let us remember firstly that Keble and its senior tutor did accept Weston. Whether other Oxford colleges would have done so is unknown, but, in the past, candidates of his dual proven abilities have been rejected. This is significant. The prime example is the incumbent Cambridge cricket captain, John Crawley (also a former England under-19 captain), who was re-

### Pricing rail travel

From Mr Gareth Howell

Sir, I am intrigued by the new way of pricing rail travel in this country. Traditionally, ticket prices have been calculated on a cost per mile basis; however, we seem to be entering an era where an additional factor, "quality of service", is also to be used in the calculation.

Presumably, the "premium" lines have been assessed (by whom?) as being capable of delivering a higher service level and can therefore bear a higher tariff. Is the public to be made aware of this enhanced service level? And can we expect fares to fall on these "premium" lines if the operator fails to achieve these higher service levels? Or is this just another clever marketing trick to justify extracting more money out of a captive audience?

Yours faithfully,  
GARETH HOWELL,  
29 Blackmore,  
Letchworth, Hertfordshire,  
October 15.

### Explosives safeguards

From the Chief Constable, Merseyside Police

Sir, Bernard Levin's article, "Break, enter and be damned" (October 7), is a wholly unwarranted attack upon the integrity and professionalism of the police service and does little credit to your newspaper.

The Control of Explosives Regulations 1991 come into effect on November 1. Their main provisions are to replace the present six types of explosive certificates with one (thereby considerably reducing the administrative bureaucracy), and to designate the chief officer of police as the enforcement authority for explosive storage and record-keeping for all stores except factories and magazines.

In the latter regard the chief officer will be making adequate arrangements for the enforcement of the regulations and will be responsible for the appointment of certain police officers as inspectors under the Health and Safety at Work Act. Such appointments will be strictly

limited in number and properly certified.

The existence of wide-ranging powers does not imply a vigorous enforcement and must certainly not in the manner described in the article. All actions by inspectors will be strictly supervised in accordance with a very detailed code drawn up by the Health and Safety Executive. To suggest that such officers will abuse powers in the manner portrayed is completely without foundation.

As chief constable I have a vicarious liability for the actions of all officers under my command and have, during the course of widespread discussions with all interested parties including representatives of the shooting organisations, given due assurances that any actions emanating from the enforcement of the regulations will be carried out in a proper, regulated and considerate manner.

Yours sincerely,  
JIM SHARPLES (Chairman,  
Association of Chief Police Officers),  
PO Box 59, Liverpool, Merseyside.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

From Mrs C. A. Baudrand  
Sir, The following advertisement has appeared in your property section for the last week: "A Manor house with 5 rears, 10 beds... dovecote, dead gardener..."

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Yours faithfully,  
C. A. BAUDRAND,  
D. J. Knight & Company,  
10 Greville Place, NW6,  
October 14.

From Mr Barry J. Carter  
Sir, Not the least depressing aspect of Keble's inflexibility towards Philip Weston is that Oxford University appears to have no such scruples about recruiting overseas sportsmen of mature years and proven international calibre for their rugby and rowing teams, to the disadvantage of younger and British undergraduates.

Yours faithfully,  
BARRY CARTER  
(Senior lecturer in history,  
Oxford Polytechnic),  
10 Bankside, Headington Quarry,  
Oxford.

### University trading

From Mr A. L. Richards

Sir, I am surprised by your report (October 10) that the Inland Revenue intends to impose retrospective taxation on the business activities of universities and polytechnics.

Many of our charity clients are engaged in trading, which is not a charitable activity. They do not pay corporation tax, however, because their commercial operations are conducted by a separate trading company that covenants any profits to the charity.

This system is legal, simple and tax-efficient, and in our experience the Inland Revenue is always helpful. To cite a specific example, in 1979 we assisted the University of Keele in the setting up of its trading company to exploit commercially such assets as its main-frame computer, expert consultations and lettings.

Universities and polytechnics should be no maximum alert: if the Inland Revenue is now on the scene, HM Customs and Excise will soon join them with demands for VAT, an infinitely more complex subject.

Yours faithfully,  
TONY RICHARDS  
(Managing Director),  
Greathill Limited  
(Charity management services),  
53 Hestercombe Avenue, SW6.

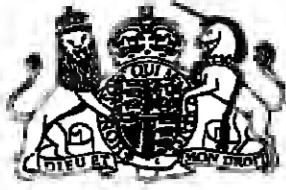
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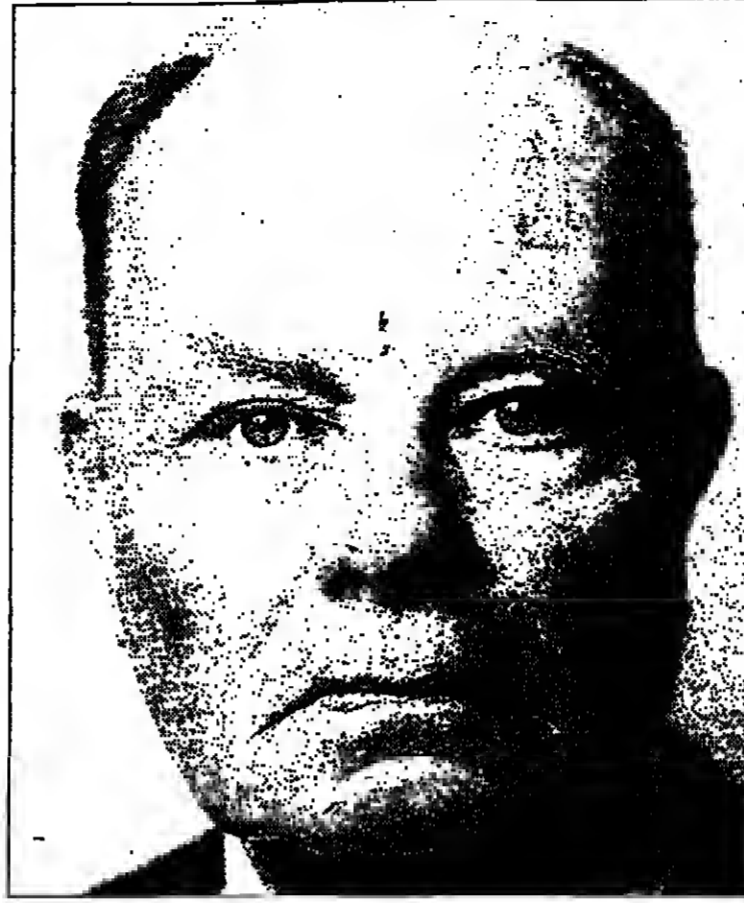
COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
Association, today attended the Association's 66th Meeting of the Council at Saddlers' Hall, Gutter Lane, Chapside, London EC2.

OBITUARIES

LORD MOLSON

Lord Molson, PC, former Conservative MP and Minister of Works, died on October 13 aged 88. He was born on June 23, 1903.



In youth Hugh Molson assumed what was then an engaging pretence of pomposity. In maturity this was not easily shaken off, and perhaps only his intimates realised the worth and ability which the mannerism concealed.

Ronans, at Osborne and Dartmouth and - the war being over - at Lancing where he went when he was 16. He was mentioned anonymously (though not unkindly) in Evelyn Waugh's autobiography. He went up to Oxford where he was at New College and where he was elected president of the Union. He took a first in jurisprudence and (always a stickler for what was correct) he insisted on being supported by friends at his 'viva' to show that the examination was rightly called public.

DOREEN ASHBURNHAM-RUFFNER, GC

Mrs Doreen Ashburnham-Ruffner, GC, died in California on October 4 aged 86. She was born at Ashburnham Hall, Sussex, on May 13, 1905.

HEROINE, pilot, deb, horse-breeder and lover of fast cars, Doreen Ashburnham-Ruffner was one of those indomitable women whose exploits have the flavour of a former age.



Anthony Farrer and Doreen Ashburnham with their medals.

while on manoeuvres with the Canadian army. Doreen continued to live on Vancouver Island until she left school. She then returned to England to be presented as a debutante to King George V in 1925.

Forthcoming marriages

- Mr D.A.I. Atkinson and Miss C.E. Burrows
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs A.C. Atkinson, of Coach House, Great Harkesley, Colchester, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Burrows, of Cypnyld, Bury, Sussex.

Dinners

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Sir Leslie Porter were hosts last night at a dinner held at City Hall in honour of the High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs Smith.

Marriages

Mr P.O.C. Romilly and Miss L.F. McGlynn
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 12, in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny, Co Donegal, of Mr Peter Romilly, younger son of Mr Simon Romilly, of Ludlow, Shropshire, and Lady Allestry, of Marlborough, Wiltshire, to Miss Louise McGlynn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh McGlynn, of Letterkenny. Father Brian McGlynn officiated.

Tom Olsen lecture
McGregor warns press of state intervention

LORD McGregor of Durris, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, said last night that if the next government assesses that the commission had failed in its aims there would be direct intervention by the state in the press.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit the restored Magdalen Green bandstand, Dundee, at 2.45. The Princess of Wales will launch the Motor Show and open Earls Court 2 at the Earls Court Exhibition Centre at 10.45.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Wilkes, political reformer, London, 1727; Claude Henri, Comte de Saint-Simon, pioneer of socialism in France, Paris, 1760; George Bichner, dramatist, Godelau, Germany, 1813; Nathaniel West, novelist, New York, 1903.

Lecture

Royal Overseas League
Miss Bernice Rubens was the speaker yesterday at the first in the 1991-1992 series of Royal Overseas League literary lectures held at Over-Seas House, St James's, in association with Book Trust, the Royal Society of Literature, the Society of Authors and the Library Association. Mr Russell Bowden, Deputy Chief Executive of the Library Association, presided.

Birthdays today

Mr Louis Benjamin, theatrical impresario, 69; Mr Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, pianist, 51; Mr George Mackay Brown, author, 70; Mr Harry Carpenter, sports commentator, 66; Mr Jonathan Charikam Adviser to the Governor of the Bank of England, 61; Dr Alexander Cooke, physician, 92; the Earl of Dalhousie, 77; Sir Denis Dobson, QC, former Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor, 83; Lady (William)

Luncheon

Baltic Exchange
Mr Peter Tudball, Chairman, and the Directors of the Baltic Exchange gave a luncheon yesterday at St Mary Axe in honour of Mr Mærsk Mc-Kinney Moller to mark his honorary membership of the Baltic Exchange in recognition of his contribution to international shipping. Among those present were:

St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy

Princess Alexandra attended a service of thanksgiving held yesterday in St Paul's Cathedral in mark the centenary of the Clergy. The Archbishop of Canterbury, president, preached the sermon and the Dean of St Paul's read the bidding. General Sir Patrick Howard-

Dobson, chairman of council, and Mr James P.S. Thomson, chairman of the medical staff committee, read the lessons. Miss Anne Mace, hospital director, Canon Peter Nicholson, general secretary, and the Rev Trevor Moore, chaplain, read prayers. The Bishop of London pronounced the blessing. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayores, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present.

Professor Charles Wilson

A memorial service for Professor Charles Wilson will be held in the Chapel of Jesus College, Cambridge, on a Saturday, November 2, 1991, at 2.30 pm.



NEW RELEASES

AUNT JULIA AND THE CONSERVATORS (12): Gaudete Inc (Keweenaw) leads to heavy anti-war (Barbara Hershey), while a soap opera writer (Peter Falk) weaves magic spells. Zestful treatment of Mario Vargas Llosa's multi-layered novel. Director, Jon Amiel. Cast: Hershey, Falk, Hershey, Hershey. Release date: 17th Oct.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol @) on release across the country.
CURRENT
CLOSE MY EYES (18): Sexual games between brother and sister one long hot London summer, vividly portrayed by writer-director Stephen Frears and an excellent cast. Release: 17th Oct. (18)
THE COMMENTS (18): Hard-boiled Dublin youngsters form a soul band. Fresh, funny, and buoyantly paced by a largely amateur cast. Director, Alan Parker. Release: 17th Oct. (18)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London.
House full, returns only
Some seats available
Seats at all prices
DONORS: A golden wig for the gaudy, British revue. Release: 17th Oct. (18)
KIVOTCH: Steven Berkoff's trip into the world of Jewish mysticism. Release: 17th Oct. (18)

TELEVISION

Three Judgements in One Gate, Notting Hill
AMONG the individual portraits by Velázquez in those astonishing rooms in the Prado, two types stand out: the royal portraits, weak-minded kings and fragile infants, pathetic faces of unexceptional individuals trapped in the suffocating richness of costume and office; and the bufones or court dwarfs, marvellously, often malignantly alive, sensitive deformed creatures acting parts which they, unlike the royalty, know to be absurd.

ROCK

Jah Wobble
Powerhaus, Islington
WITH the sepulchral, throbbing basslines he played for John Lydon's Public Image Limited, Jah Wobble introduced fluid rhythms and sensuality into the restrictively angry world of punk. More than a decade later, there is still something punkish about Wobble, but his scope now embraces and combines the very different aims of world music, ambient music, dance and rock. His band, Invaders of the

Buffoons lack a serious edge



Bandit country: Hermione Norris and Bob Barrett in Three Judgements

Simon Usher's production boldly catapults the action forward to a contemporary Spain peopled by girls in mini-skirts, men in leather jackets and tacky glass-topped tables. This works well for the exciting opening scene in which a girl and her father are held up by bandits in the mountains of Aragón. This brings Calderón within spitting distance of the amoral presiding spirit of contemporary Spanish cinema, Pedro Almodóvar. As the father, Don Mendo Torrelas, Kevin Costello manages to look every inch a modern Madrid businessman and to do justice to an idiom which is closer to Greek tragedy than modern speech. Don Lope de Urrea, the younger, troubled son turned bandit, is a fascinating character, psychologically ahead of his time, who blames his bad behaviour on his parents' loveless marriage. Bob Barrett makes a brave attempt at the intense love poetry but ultimately sounds too monotonous. Hermione Norris's Violante, daughter of Mendo and object of Lope's love, conveys a pained dignity but looks terribly stiff. Tom Dumm's King carries a long and erect sceptre in a manner which any production with a sense of humour would surely have altered. Only Simon Gregor's marvellously nerdy-ironic servant Vicente provides the corrective irony which is so badly needed. There is wonderful writing here but it is difficult to take the drama with the seriousness the play itself seems to demand.

HARRY EYRES
to mould them into a coherent whole. The play does at least look marvellous. Julian McGowan's set is a vast double drawing room, with walls and ceiling in a deep red. Polished mahogany furniture is arranged on a glowing dark wood floor, on one side of the stage is an enormous double window, looking out on to fir trees. The characters in their dark, late 19th century clothes haunt this set as though some sumptuous Scandinavian realist painting had been brought to life. But unfortunately their characterisations remain stubbornly in one dimension. Anne Lambton's Hedda prowls the stage like a glorious caged panther who looks as if she could devour The

TELEVISION

Timewatch
BBC2
THE thousands of ITV executives, especially at Thames, TVS, TV-am and TSW, whose priority this morning will have been to rush straight to this space to see which of their programmes is being reviewed, are in for a disappointment, though not as large a disappointment as might first be thought. In these unusual, if not bizarre, circumstances, the reviewer is presented with a problem. Not, I will grant, a problem on the scale of having just seen your licence to print money torn up, but a problem none the less: to criticise a programme from one of the lame-duck companies, thus kicking a channel while it is down, or to praise same, thus granting it the definitive bowwow victory. This, together with an aversion to

times impossibly mannered - managed in his two short scenes to leave a definite impression of a doomed genius to whom people are drawn against their better judgments. In smaller roles both Angela Chaddfield as Aunt Juliana, weary of Hedda and protective of Tesman, and Cordelia Ditton as Berthe the maid - understanding, judging and silently commenting on the action as she endlessly recrossed the stage - added much needed depth to the play. Such delights as these make the Citizens' Hedda Gabler fitfully absorbing and enjoyable, but one expects something much more satisfying than that.

ALASDAIR CAMERON
Columbus: cock-up or conspiracy?
The Indies was inspired by God. In fact it was inspired by nicking a Portuguese map, always a handy fall-back should God's concentration wander. Columbus kept everyone guessing by writing two logs during the famous voyage, which Dr Luis Coin and John Dyson retraced for the programme. This was because, at the time, Spain held the northern Atlantic franchise and Portugal the southern one, so Columbus had to appear to be travelling a northerly route while all the time taking a southerly one, once he had passed the Canaries, threshold of open water and the point where Portuguese monitoring stopped. One of the achievements of the programme was that it was based mainly on existing knowledge, the problem being that most previous accounts of the journey appear not to have taken account of anomalies in the paperwork. In this way did Columbus secure the Indies franchise and go to the ever-rich pickings to the north. Blessed by a government, weighed down with gold, armed with contracts and full of good intentions, he set off in one direction but not even he, with all his cunning and seamanship, could be sure quite where he would finish up. How interesting.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24
MUTHA (c) A fan of heavy-metal rock music, it originally was an operatic term for a wild soprano presumably derived from an obscenity beginning with mother: "OK, never, and I mean NEVER, interview a Heavy Metal mutha at 10 in the morning. Interview them at night."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent
This position is from the game Bernard - Torres, Montpellier 1951. How can white win material?

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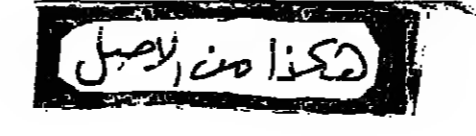
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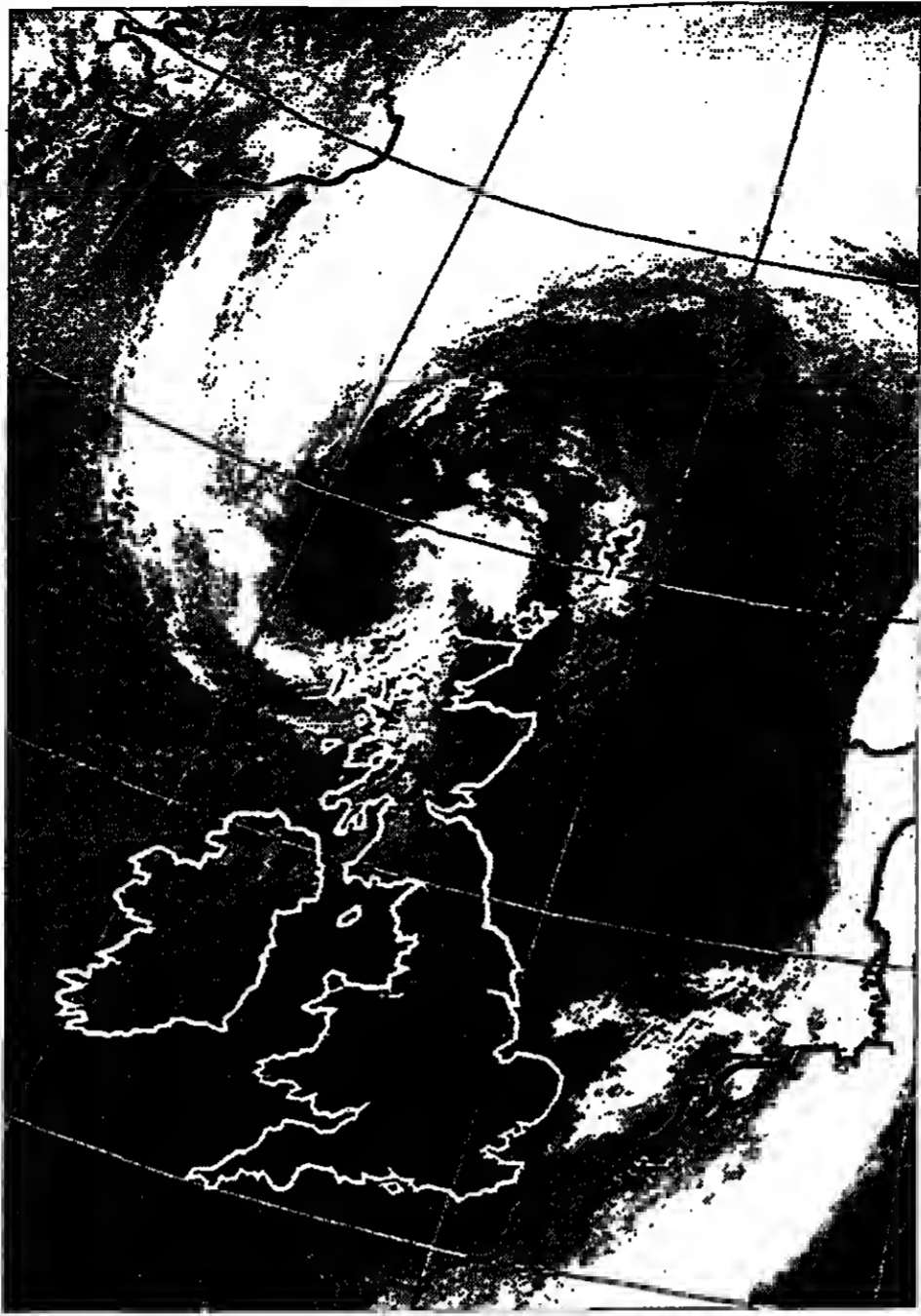




# Gale warning Rising storm claims its first victims

By BILL FROST AND KERRY GILL

STORM force winds are predicted for much of northern England, Scotland and Northern Ireland today with the strong possibility of structural damage to property. As the gales gathered strength yesterday, two men and a boy were recovering after an all-night ordeal off the west coast of Scotland in a small fishing boat. Police said the three were lucky to be alive after high winds and a heavy swell had pushed their vessel out to sea. Rescue services searched in vain for the boat throughout the night. Eventually it was blown on to a beach north of Loch Stornoway, Knappdale. In Wiltshire a man died in a road accident in strong winds, driving rain and poor visibility. Police said the conditions had made driving extremely hazardous. Coastguards at Portland Bay, Dorset, rescued a sailor from a capsized dinghy and said that "anyone who goes out to sea in these conditions, unless they really have to, is mad". The London Weather Centre predicted gusts of up to 80mph in exposed areas as the deep Atlantic depression responsible drifts slowly eastwards across the north Atlantic. "Damage to property is more than likely, and we would advise drivers to take extra care, especially if they



Anatomy of a storm: a thousand-mile swirl of cloud marks out the depression over the north Atlantic in a satellite photograph taken yesterday afternoon

## Thames, TV-am lose auction

Continued from page 1 executive of Thames, questioned the commission's calculations, and said the 16 companies would pay £370 million to the Treasury in 1993, compared with £159 million in 1990. He added: "Cash has beaten quality. There are few broadcasters in the world that would not list Thames as one of the most distinguished. We own the most valuable library in British commercial television, our regional programmes have consistently exceeded the ITC's expectations, our contribution to the network has been unequalled by any other company and we have been a pioneer on many fronts for the network." But Michael Green, chairman of Carlton Communications, said his television company was "strong on talent, ideas and management skills. We relish the opportunity to make a significant contribution to the nation's most popular television channel." Harry Turner, managing director of TSW, told staff: "It is a bitter blow, particularly as we played by the rules. We passed the quality hurdle with flying colours and made the highest bid. They appear to have moved the goalposts. It is extraordinary." Rudolph Agnew, the TVS chairman, said he was "surprised and bitterly disappointed".

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## Political sketch Peers no match for the military

IN THE Commons, Roger King (C, Northfield) was making a searing case for disqualifying Dave Nellis. Mr King's predecessor in Northfield, the late Jocelyn Cadbury, would not have done this. I retreated to the Lords. To enter Another Place is to enter another world. Peers were discussing education. "I think one wants to be cautious about what one reads in *The Guardian*. I myself manage very well believing very little of it," said Lord Cavendish of Furness, apparently a whip. A Commons minister, he added, "Mr Edgar" had this in hand. There is no Commons minister called Edgar. Anyway, their lordships were impatient for the debate they had all been waiting for. Defence cuts. Their lordships were unhappy. Opponents of these cuts had gone down to a crushing defeat in the Commons the day before; but their lordships' debate displayed the nobility typical of so many glorious engagements in our history; principal combatants had been to Eton and Sandhurst; individual acts of heroism took place; and the cause was deemed for the start. It fell to the Earl of Arran, speaking for the government, to warn peers on this last point. A crisp speaker of the military-bureaucratic school, Lord Arran spoke of an altered international balance, of "strategic-led" but resource-disciplined thinking, the "tri-service view", and the "dangers of overstretch". Several of the larger baronesses stirred uneasily in their seats. "Fully Challenger-equipped," he added, our defence was "smaller but better". Their lordships' heads were beginning to spin. The earl threw "star-strike", "new attack-helicopters" and the "Boeing E3D" at them. Peers muttered uneasily. Where were



Johnson: a drug-user among Western athletes

## East German scientists forced athletes to take steroids

Continued from page 1 to dig for the documents by his wife, Brigitte Berendonk, a successful discus-thrower in West Germany who has now published them as a book (*Doping Dokumente: Von der Forschung zum Betrug*, published by Springer-Verlag). She was sure that the full story of East German athletics had not been told. Dr Franke said yesterday that at first he feared the key papers had been destroyed when the East German regime collapsed. On one surviving document, he noticed a mark indicating the Military Medical Academy of the East German army. He managed to find eight theses that had not been destroyed, and an official report of the programme. The documents reveal, he says, an astonishing secret world of sporting and scientific corruption. In many cases, scientists had gained doctorates on aspects of State Plan 14.25. These theses had then been locked away. Dr Franke has been unable to calculate total spending, but in one project in Thuringia, 15 scientists were involved and annual spending amounted to half a million marks. "And this was only one of the 22 projects listed under State Plan 14.25," he says. A nasal spray was developed using a testosterone precursor that would not be detected. Raik Hannemann, a European junior swimming champion, described its effects as "like a volcanic eruption". It had such severe side-effects, including damage to his nasal membranes, that he was unable to compete in the 1988 Seoul Olympics. Hannemann claims all the East German Olympic team were told to use the spray. Dr Franke says the reports show that the steroids continued to be given to athletes even when researchers noticed damaging side-effects. Kerstin Behrendt, who won a silver medal at Seoul in the 400-metre relay, is recorded as receiving two doses of steroid even after it was found they were damaging her liver.

## Waldegrave agrees to 99 NHS opt-outs

Continued from page 1 laid at the government's door. However, Mr Cook condemned consultation on the new trusts as a farce, saying that out of 21 staff ballots, not one was in favour of opting out. Mr Waldegrave cited a British Medical Association survey which showed growing consultant support of trust status. "Throughout the NHS, as the BMA has confirmed, there is increasing recognition of the benefits which trust status brings," he said. "Despite a truly scurrilous campaign by opposition parties, no informed observer can now doubt that trusts represent a necessary modernisation and simplification of NHS management, which is already proving itself good for patients, good for staff and good for the country." Self-governing trusts are part of the health service but manage their assets and can set their pay rates and borrow from the private sector. Mr Waldegrave said that he had turned down seven units, two of which are London hospitals, because he did not think their proposals "were fully worked up". He suggested, too, that there had been local opposition in some of these areas. Health service organisations were disappointed last night that Mr Waldegrave had gone ahead with so many trusts. Opt-out list, page 2

## TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Fair chance After an article in last week's *Times*, action is to be taken at last on telephone canvassing companies that offer to sell second-hand cars through a computer register. *The Times* revealed that scores of complaints about unfair practices had been received by the Office of Fair Trading. **Rattling good idea:** Is the collective name for a group of four Trabants a breakdown? Not according to Oliver Woolston, who has started a collection of the eccentric little vehicles from the former East Germany at his Herefordshire farm.

### THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,739

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers in the starting squares. The grid is 18 squares wide and 13 squares high.

- ACROSS  
1 Booth with a couple of silly creatures in? (8)  
5 He accompanies an Aberdonian, say, across a river (6)  
10 Promise to make jam, others out being involved (6,4,5)  
11 Solves puzzles (7)  
12 Warning compelling king to intervene (7)  
13 Military intelligence doctor developing tiny photograph (8)  
15 Fellow graduate accommodates Head of Maths for short break (5)  
18 Greek screen with the eods missing (5)  
20 With peacekeepers practical sense is exceptional (8)  
23 Muslim food King Edward V consumed (7)  
25 Ferret one out for Douglas, perhaps (3-4)
- DOWN  
1 Was he a politician before becoming a physicist? (6)  
2 Spray presented by tenor after turn (9)  
3 A man of letters, the gipsy Lavengro (7)  
4 Prisoner inside is making representations (5)  
6 Like a burlesque thus including send-up of a woman (7)  
7 Bluish gas - a lightweight one (5)  
8 Islander a painter depicted astride a horse (5)  
9 So depict characters like Aetia the Hun (8)  
14 US infantryman in a stew? (8)  
16 Sail manufacturer grasps nothing about rigging at first (9)  
17 Event raised nothing to support fellow music-maker (8)  
19 Greek character provided quarters for Asians (7)  
21 The brotherhood's political beliefs? (7)  
22 Chaste girl digesting set novel (6)  
24 Put this away - at once, OK? (5)  
25 A female revolutionary, to begin with? (5)

**WORD-WATCHING**  
A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions are correct?  
By Philip Howard

- MUTHA**  
a. The Semitic letter M  
b. A type of boy rifle  
c. A fan of heavy-metal rock music
- KENNET**  
a. A river drift net  
b. Well-known  
c. A small hunting dog
- PIROZHKI**  
a. An itinerant Russian salesman  
b. Small triangular pastries  
c. Green amber
- CALLID**  
a. Hot, or at least warm  
b. Cunning, or at least shrewd  
c. The lid of a vacuum flask

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North-east England 743  
Scotland 744  
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Today will be stormy in most parts of Britain, with north-west winds gusting at 70mph in northern England, south and west Scotland, Northern Ireland and north Wales. Elsewhere, winds may reach 60mph. With the winds will come showers, heavy and squally. There may also be longer spells of rain in western and northern Scotland and northern England. Outlook: cold, very windy and showery.

MIDDAY	1st hander	4th drier	1st log	8-9m	1st drier	2nd hander	1st drier	1st drier
Aleppo	22	72	19	66	1	C	F	
Alvor	22	62	18	79	1			
Algeria	22	79	12	79	1			
Algiers	23	73	1	81	1			
Amman	23	73	1	81	1			
Athens	24	75	1	81	1			
Bahrain	32	90	1	81	1			
Barcelona	28	79	1	81	1			
Bekrut	28	79	1	81	1			
Belgrade	20	68	1	81	1			
Berlin	22	72	1	81	1			
Bermuda	27	81	1	81	1			
Bombay	32	81	1	81	1			
Buenos Aires	17	63	1	81	1			
Brussels	15	59	1	81	1			
Buenos Aires	22	81	1	81	1			
S. Africa	18	61	1	81	1			
Calcutta	29	84	1	81	1			
Cape Town	22	72	1	81	1			
Chicago	14	57	1	81	1			
Ch. church	24	75	1	81	1			
Cologne	16	64	1	81	1			
C. Prague	13	55	1	81	1			
Dublin	13	55	1	81	1			
Faro	21	70	1	81	1			
Florida	22	72	1	81	1			
Frankfurt	16	61	1	81	1			
Funchal	17	63	1	81	1			
Garmisch	17	63	1	81	1			
Gibraltar	16	63	1	81	1			
Helsinki	22	72	1	81	1			
Immerick	18	64	1	81	1			
Isabul	22	72	1	81	1			
Jeddah	22	72	1	81	1			
Jo'burg	12	54	1	81	1			
Karachi	32	90	1	81	1			
L. Palmas	24	75	1	81	1			
La. Vegas	18	64	1	81	1			
Lisbon	19	65	1	81	1			
Locarno	17	63	1	81	1			
London	14	57	1	81	1			
Luxembourg	15	59	1	81	1			
Madrid	18	64	1	81	1			
Majorca	22	72	1	81	1			

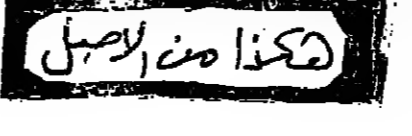
**TOURIST RATES**  
Austria \$ 2,235  
Australia \$ 2,095  
Belgium \$ 2,150  
Canada \$ 2,150  
France \$ 2,095  
Germany \$ 2,150  
Greece \$ 2,150  
Hong Kong \$ 2,150  
Ireland \$ 2,150  
Italy \$ 2,150  
Japan \$ 2,150  
Netherlands \$ 2,150  
Portugal \$ 2,150  
South Africa \$ 2,150  
Sweden \$ 2,150  
Switzerland \$ 2,150  
Turkey \$ 2,150  
USA \$ 2,150  
Yugoslavia \$ 2,150

Greater London	701
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Derby, Herts & IOW	703
Devon & Cornwall	704
Wilt, Glouce, Avon, Soms	705
Staffs, Bucks, Oxon	706
Bedf, Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709
Shrop, Herefs & Worcs	710
Central Midlands	711
East Midlands	712
Lines & Humber	713
Dyfed & Powys	714
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
W & S Yorks & Dees	716
N E England	717
Cumbria & Lake District	718
S W Scotland	719
W Central Scotland	720
N Ireland	721
Edin S Flie/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Cathness, Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

Yesterday: Glasgow, max 6m to 6pm, 13C (55F), min 5pm to 6am, 8C (38F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.57 in. Sun, 24hr to 6pm, 3.6 hr.

Weather forecast maps and tables. Includes a map of the British Isles with weather symbols and a table of temperatures and sun/moon times for various locations.

London	6.04 pm to 7.29 am
Bristol & 14 pm to 7.25 am	
Edinburgh 6.09 pm to 7.49 am	
Manchester 6.50 pm to 7.41 am	
Perthance 6.28 pm to 7.46 am	





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BUSINESS

Business Editor  
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Pensions borders to fall

The European pension fund industry was turned on its head yesterday with the publication of a directive that will open borders to new investment.

The proposals by the European Commission will clear the way for British fund managers to advise and deal for clients throughout the EC. It will also allow them to invest more freely abroad.

The directive, which is expected to be approved next year, will probably take effect from January 1, 1993. Only company and private pension funds are affected.

Sir Leon Brittan, European Commissioner for competition policy, called for pan-European occupational pension schemes.

Pension funds, page 34

BT coup

BT has taken a further step into the business telephone systems market by winning a contract to replace the in-house telephone system at Barclays Bank, linking head office with 900 large branches and regional offices. The BT deal will save Barclays £5 million in capital spending.

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Thorntons up

Thorntons, the chocolate retailer, saw pre-tax profits increase by 5 per cent to 11.9 million for the 12 months to end-June, on sales up 12.4 per cent at £79.9 million. The final dividend is 2.4p, making a total of 3.6p, an increase of 9.1 per cent. The shares fell 1p to 175p.

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Payout pegged

Lilley, the Glasgow construction group, is holding its interim dividend at 1p even though pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June fell from £6.52 million to £1.73 million.

Tempus, page 29

THE ROUND

**US dollar**  
1.7080 (+0.0040)

**German mark**  
2.9121 (-0.0017)

**Exchange Index**  
90.2 (same)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCKS

**FT 30 share**  
1980.5 (+7.0)

**FT-SE 100**  
2579.0 (+2.3)

**New York Dow Jones**  
3042.71 (+1.34)\*

**Tokyo Nikkei Ave**  
24334.67 (+27.02)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10 1/8%  
3-month Interbank 10 1/8-10 3/4%  
3-month eligible bills 10 1/8-10 3/4%  
US: Prime Rate 8%  
Federal Funds Rate 6 1/2%  
3-month Treasury Bills 4.96-4.94%  
30-year bonds 10 1/8-10 1/4%

CURRENCIES

London: New York  
£: \$1.7085  
£: DM1.9113  
£: SFR2.5441  
£: FF9.9139  
£: Yen222.41  
£: Index80.2  
ECU 80.70336 SDR 80.79185  
£: ECU1.421786 £: SDR1.258265

GOLD

London Fixing:  
AM \$356.40 pm \$356.55  
close \$356.50 \$357.00 (2208.50-2082.00)  
New York:  
Comex \$359.35 \$359.85\*

MAJOR CHANGES

**RISES:**  
Cable & Wireless ..... 562 1/2 (+10)  
TICOM EMI ..... 798 1/2 (+12)  
Vodafone ..... 331 1/2 (+10)  
Mersey Docks ..... 207 1/2 (+18)  
Granada ..... 233 1/2 (+48)  
Tyne Tees TV ..... 184 (+11)  
Routlers ..... 97 1/2 (+19)  
Enterprise ..... 59 1/2 (+13)  
Frasers ..... 62 1/2 (+10)  
Littman ..... 27 1/2 (+18)  
Scott TV ..... 64 1/2 (+10)  
Sunset & Vine ..... 100 (+19)  
GKN ..... 35 1/2 (+8)  
J Sainsbury ..... 62 1/2 (+8)

**FALLS:**  
Yorkshire TV ..... 180 (-22)  
Commercial Union ..... 478 (-12)  
Taylor Woodrow ..... 130 (-12)  
Aldermore ..... 157 (-13)  
Eurotunnel Units ..... 44 1/2 (-17)  
Anglia TV 'A' ..... 188 (-33)

NORTH SEA OIL

Brant (Nov) ..... \$22.45 bbl (\$22.75)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.8 September (1987=100)  
\* Denotes midday trading price

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Dealers mark down TV's high bidders

By MARTIN WALLER

SHARES in three of the successful incumbent ITV companies fell heavily amid concern that some television companies had financially overstretched themselves in the fight to avoid losing their franchises and might have difficulty surviving through the contract period.

Yorkshire TV fell 22p to 180p; HTV, serving Wales and the west of England, fell 5p to 46p; and Anglia, although seen as one of the more financially resilient groups, slipped 33p to 198p.

Two companies that were unopposed and went through after bidding derisory amounts continued to rise; Scottish gained 15p to 64 1/2p and Central 43p to 108 1/2p. Among the few real surprises on the industry's decision day were the low levels of bids from Granada, which retains the Northwest contract, and LWT, the London weekend franchise holder. Granada shares advanced 11p to 184p, while LWT's convertible preference shares rose 53p to 198p.

Nick Ward, media analyst at Smith New Court, the broker, said the market had made an accurate assessment of what most companies had offered, but there was concern that some companies had overbid or had based their

financial assumptions on over-optimistic projections. The higher the proportion of revenue that had to be handed over to the government during the next franchise round, he said, "the closer you are to running into problems if net advertising revenue only grows in real terms, for the sake of argument, at 2 per cent a year". He pointed out that TVS, the south of England contractor that lost out to Meridian, had been looking for real growth of 5.7 per cent, at the top of industry projections.

Chive Leach, the managing director of Yorkshire, defended his company's finances and described suggestions that the company might run into trouble as "unbelievable rubbish". He added: "I can assure you that we will be in profit from day one and we've got no worries on that point."

The media team at Barclays de Zoete Wedd none the less believes that earnings from Yorkshire, HTV and Anglia will be on a downward trend in 1993 and the shares look expensive. But there are no worries in the market about the size of Anglia's bid and most of yesterday's fall in the share price was being put down to profit taking.

Tyne Tees may be one of the over-payers, but the market is gambling on a full bid from Yorkshire, its 19 per cent shareholder, when the regula-

tions allow in 1994. Tyne Tees shares rose 49p to 284p.

Of the four losers in the latest franchise round, Thames showed a 7p advance to 203p and TV-am slipped just 2p to 122p. TSW, the south-west contractor, fell 12p to 70p and TVS lost 7p to 21p.

Both Thames and TVS, which have substantial programme libraries and production facilities, are reckoned to have healthy futures as independents and will not be hindered by the necessity of making large payments to the government.

TV-am is estimated to have £40 million cash in the bank and its studios are valued in the accounts at £9 million. It will be able to concentrate on extracting the maximum amount of cash from the business over the next 14 months, while City estimates of the worth of a break-up have gone as high as 120p. Likewise, TVS is estimated to be worth as much as 40p a share if it were to be broken up.

TSW will decide on its future strategy at a board meeting on Tuesday. "We had no agenda for losing," admitted Harry Turner, its managing director. The options include developing its in-house advertising space sales company and expanding the limited range of programmes already being made.

Thames is 59 per cent owned by Thorn-EMI, which expressed its disappointment that the company had not been successful but said its decision to make an offer for the whole of the share capital earlier this year was made on the basis of a valuation that did not presume the franchise would be retained.

Also gaining from the franchise round were MAL, up 7p to 124p, the financial services group that is a 66 per cent shareholder in Meridian, and Select-TV, a 15 per cent shareholder, up 1 1/2p to 24 1/2p.

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Winners and losers, pages 4, 5  
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TV's blind date, page 18  
Leading article, page 19

Winner	Cash bid + % of revenue	Total bid as % of ad revenues (estimated)
Sunrise	£34.6m + 15%	54
Carlton	£43.2m + 31%	30
LWT	£7.58m + 11%	15
Central	£2.000 + 11%	11
Granada	£3m + 11%	11
Meridian	£38.5m + 11%	31
Yorkshire	£37.7m + 7%	33
Anglia	£17.8m + 7%	21
HTV	£20.5m + 2%	23
Scottish	£2.000 + 2%	2
Tyne Tees	£15.1m + 2%	31
Border	£52.000 + 0%	0.5
Granipian	£720,000	3.8
Telet	£1m	4.2
Channel	£1,000	-

The table shows the proportion that would have to be paid to the government by the biggest TV companies if the new franchises were already in place. The franchise holders will pay the lump sum they bid, along with a fixed percentage of advertising revenues. The table is based on City estimates of 1991 net advertising revenues.

TML firms 'hide behind secrecy', says Morton

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR Alastair Morton, chief executive of Eurotunnel, has signalled his willingness to take legal action against Transmanche Link if it repeatedly breaches the confidentiality clause in its contract to build the £8 billion Channel tunnel.

In a letter to *The Times* today, however, Sir Alastair makes it clear there is no reason for TML's ten shareholder companies not to provide a full report on the implications for their balance sheets of participation in TML. Sir Alastair accuses TML members of using the confidentiality clause to avoid embarrassment over its performance. "It seems the alleged 'gag' is only pleaded when the question asked is inconvenient to TML or its member companies," he

writes. He goes on to warn: "As for comments attributed to TML itself over the past few days, if necessary, legal judgment can be given later, to us or our shareholders, whether they are in breach of contract or intended to injure the value



Sir Alastair warning

of our shareholders' interest in this enterprise."

Sir Alastair's letter was written after Eurotunnel shares fell by 17p to 442p in response to deepening conflict between Eurotunnel and TML over £810 million of additional claims on the £620 million lump sum contract for boring and fitting out the tunnel.

TML sources have said completion of the cross-Channel link could be delayed until March 1994 because of modifications necessary to some of the rolling stock. A High Court judge will today hear an application by Eurotunnel for an injunction to prevent TML carrying out an alleged threat to stop work on the tunnel's cooling system.

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Asda clinches Norman conquest



In the hot seat: Asda chairman Patrick Gillam faced some tough talking at the group's meeting yesterday

SIB fails to tighten rules for disclosure

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

SIR David Walker put the Securities and Investments Board on a collision course with the trade department and the Office of Fair Trading yesterday, when he announced that the board was against any changes in the rules on disclosure of commission.

Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, asked the SIB, of which Sir David is chairman, last December to revise its rules on the disclosure of commission when an investment was being sold. Investors are not told until after they have agreed to take out a policy how much commission the salesman will receive, and then it is expressed as a percentage of annual premiums.

SIB's consultative paper on disclosure does not propose any change on that score. The paper does, however, intend that investors should be given a written summary detailing how much money they get back on policies cashed in early. The summary will include figures expressed as a reduction in policy proceeds to show the long-term impact of the life company's costs.

The board expects a fight. It says it does not intend to implement any changes until after their competition policy implications have been reported on by the OFT.

Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of fair trading, persuaded the department of trade last year that the rules were anti-competitive. He said: "Full disclosure of commission is necessary for investors to be able to compare independent financial advisers in terms of the costs and quality of their advice."

The OFT said Sir Gordon would be consulting the trade department and SIB on the proposals.

Comment, page 27

Public borrowing doubles in year

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A SHARP deterioration in government finances in the first half of the current fiscal year was rounded off by Treasury figures that showed a £2.92 billion borrowing requirement in September, well in excess of City forecasts.

With the effects of recession pushing tax receipts down and boosting spending, the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) built up to £10.8 billion in the six months from April, exactly double what it was at the same stage last year. This makes the Budget forecast of a £7.9 billion PSBR for the whole year appear overoptimistic.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, is likely to bring the official forecast more closely into line with market expectations in his autumn statement next month.

While a slight overshoot

from the Budget forecast this year will not upset the financial markets, Mr Lamont will face upward pressure on interest rates if the recovery fails to halt the deterioration in government finances next year.

City economists have pencilled in a PSBR of £15 billion to £20 billion for 1992-3, well above Treasury expectations.

Last month's PSBR, which followed a £1.88 billion borrowing requirement in August, reflected Inland Revenue receipts 9.5 per cent below September 1990, probably caused by weaker income tax receipts. Central government expenditure was 12 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Producer prices in western Germany rose 0.3 per cent in September for an annual increase of 2.6 per cent, official data showed.

ARCHIE Norman, the finance director of Kingfisher, has been confirmed as chief executive of Asda (Gillian Bowditch writes). The shares rose 5p to 50p, 15p above the price of the shares to be issued in the £357 million cash call.

The issue was overwhelmingly approved yesterday at a sometimes bad tempered special meeting at Pudsey, near Leeds. About 400 shareholders attended and there were calls for Patrick Gillam, the new chairman, to dismiss directors who had presided over the group's decline. There were also calls for Asda to move out of non-food retailing.

Mr Gillam told shareholders that Mr Norman, who had been approached some weeks earlier, accepted the post only 15 minutes before yesterday's meeting began. Mr Norman, who was not at the meeting, told *The Times* that the job was "a formidable challenge". He said he had some ideas for the group but would want to immerse himself in the business for some months before making any announcements.

He said he was still negotiating when he would leave Kingfisher.

WHAT HELPS GRAHAM GOOCH'S GILT-EDGED PERFORMANCES?



Graham Gooch - 333 runs - England v India, 1990

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Boardroom door still closed to women

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ABOUT one company in ten would reject a woman candidate for a top management job no matter how well qualified she might be, according to a report from the Policy Studies Institute.

Its authors, Elspeth Howe and Susan McRae, surveyed women directors and the chairmen of the companies that employed them. They found that where women do sit on boards they tend to be non-executive rather than executive and where they are executive directors they are more likely to sit on subsidiary boards than main ones. Female executive directors do seem to be distributed across the range of responsibilities.

The report says that in 1989, 21 of the UK's 200 largest industrial companies had between them 24 women board members, six of whom were executive directors. Lady Howe and Mrs McRae say that while a tenth of senior managers are female, women account for only 1 per cent of chief executives. Since the

favoured candidates of many chairmen for non-executive directorships are the heads of other companies, the gender imbalance is repeated among non-executives.

The main barriers blocking a woman's climb are the structure and organisation of work and attitudes of the people who run the company. "Pioneering" companies that have appointed women to their boards tend to be in areas closely identified with women's traditional roles in the home and in the labour force. Of 20 such companies mentioned in the report, seven are banks or building societies and ten are retailers. The special expertise that women might have in these areas is, for many chairmen, an important consideration in the appointment of a woman to the board.

The report finds encouraging evidence of women who have broken traditional barriers and achieved commercial success on the same footing as men, but it questions whether they would have done so without the

influence that comes with possession of a title, or of family or political connections. "To an extent, these women come within the old boy network and are reasonably safe," the report says.

While both women directors and the chairmen who appointed them insisted that female non-executives should be of the same quality as men, they thought women had particular skills that were helpful to the board. These included original views of the market place, ability to give career advice to promising women employees, strong contributions in the areas of personnel and customer relations, greater design awareness and ability to ask essential questions without feeling they had lost face.

The report concludes: "In time, the number of women on boards will grow and their presence will become unremarkable. But it does not often make good economic sense to wait for time to bring those changes that could improve corporate performance immediately."

LFR 'made a quick buck' in shares of Guinness

By a CORRESPONDENT

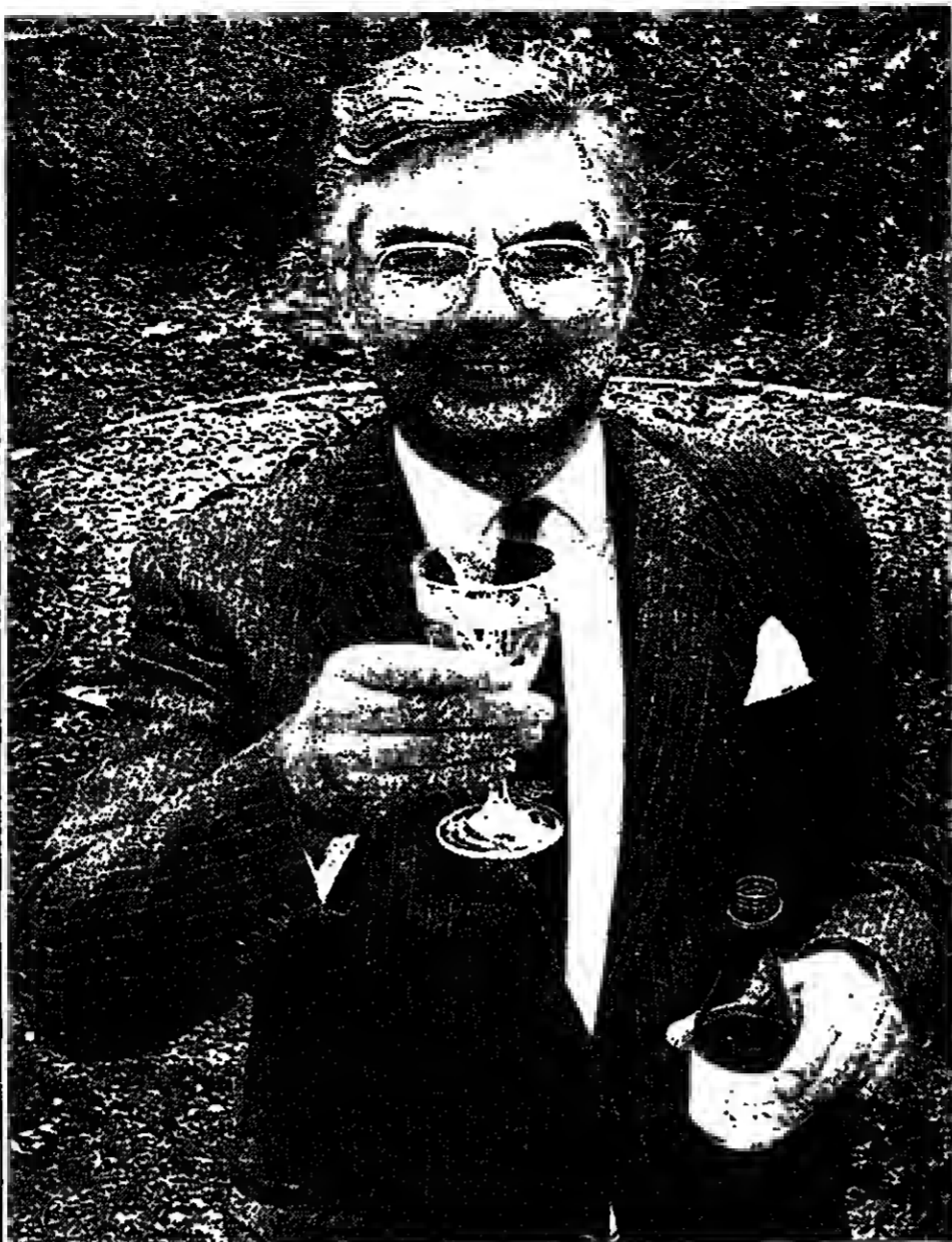
LF ROTHSCHILD, the American investment bank, took the opportunity to "make a quick buck" despite a request to support the Guinness share price during the drinks group's bid for Distillers, it was alleged yesterday.

Midland publishes charter

By OUR CITY STAFF

MIDLAND Bank is the first high street bank to publish a code of conduct for small-business customers in response to growing public criticism of banking practices.

Midland yesterday published a seven-point business banking charter in which it pledges to change its charges no more than once a year and to give customers one month's notice of changes.



Cash flow: Nick Hood looks forward to "a stream of unregulated profits"

Wessex makes £105m buy

By OUR CITY STAFF

WESSEX Water has made its first acquisition in waste disposal since forming a £125 million joint venture with Waste Management Inc, America's largest company in the field, earlier this year.

unregulated profits outside Wessex Water's core business, he said. Wimpey Waste is one of Britain's biggest industrial waste management businesses, with interests in landfill, waste collection and disposal of hazardous waste.

Grampian increases offer for Macarthy

By MARTIN BARROW

GRAMPIAN Holdings, the Scottish conglomerate, has increased its bid for Macarthy, the pharmaceuticals company, from £63.9 million to £79 million, but failed to win the support of the board.

Grampian's latest offer for Macarthy - its third in a battle that began in May - is of 147 new shares for every 100 Macarthy shares, valuing each share at 287p against Tuesday's closing price of 269p.

Mr Read also questioned Grampian's financial performance, claiming the company had distorted its reported profits and given "a less than clear picture" of its financial position.

Mr Hughes said Grampian had identified cost savings of £3.5 million a year that would arise from a merger with Macarthy, including the elimination of head office costs and the integration of manufacturing interests.

Whyte has '31% of target'

By OUR CITY STAFF

WHYTE & Mackay has increased its shareholding in Invergordon Distillers by 8.7 per cent after acquiring 11.08 million shares in the market and now claims to speak for 31.4 per cent of the company.

More than 1,000 jobs cut

By OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

JOB losses continued to pile up yesterday as Granada, the leisure group that learned it had been successful in the ITV franchise round, axed 550 jobs at its troubled computer maintenance business, 300 jobs were cut in Wiltshire by Avon Rubber and 300 were shed in Northumberland by British Alcan Aluminium.

Alcan is temporarily cutting production of aluminium worldwide by 8.5 per cent because of rising stocks of the metal and the lower price since 1985. About 200 jobs will also go in Quebec.

Lonrho seeks Fayeds order

LONRHO, the international trading conglomerate, began a High Court action seeking to disqualify the Fayeds brothers from holding office as company directors.

The dispute between Lonrho and the Fayeds dates back to the latter's £615 million takeover in 1985 of the House of Fraser retail chain and its flagship store, Harrods.

Underwriter was 'as aware as anybody' about asbestos Names 'misleading' over Outhwaite

By JONATHAN PRYNN

THE 987 Lloyd's names bringing a negligence action against Richard Outhwaite, the underwriter, have painted "a totally misleading picture" of Mr Outhwaite and of the state of the Lloyd's market in the early Eighties, the High Court has heard.

who willingly accepted risks that the market was desperate to get rid of was "totally misleading" and partly based on a misunderstanding of the workings of Lloyd's. Far from being "a patsy", Mr Outhwaite was "a pretty tough nut" who was highly respected before he wrote the policies and still is.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Kvaerner Govan wins £44m order

THE Kvaerner Govan shipyard on Clydeside has won a £44 million order for a bulk chemicals carrier, which will secure employment of the yard's 1,600 permanent workforce until 1993.

Air France 'lost Fr1.1bn'

AIR France, the airline owned by the French state, is reported to have lost Fr1.1 billion in 1990, compared with a loss of Fr82.5 million in 1989.

WH Smith challenged

SIR Simon Hornby, chairman of WH Smith, was challenged by the Keep Sunday Special lobby at the group's annual meeting yesterday, over Sunday trading at three subsidiaries.

Review for Alan Paul

ALAN Paul, the USM-quoted hairdresser, has announced a boardroom shake-up and "urgent review" of its operations following the recent profit warning.

Penna share price slumps

SHARES in Penna, the USM-quoted outplacement agency, collapsed from 255p to 105p after the company announced that first-half pre-tax profits would be down by 90 per cent at about £100,000.

Baris profit drops 56%

SHARES in Baris, the fire protection group, fell 38p to 125p on poor half-time results. Pre-tax profit ended-August was £403,000, down 56 per cent.

Canada in enquiry

THE American senate sub-committee that is considering a full investigation of the activities of Lloyd's of London in America, during the Eighties has spread its enquiries to Canada.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

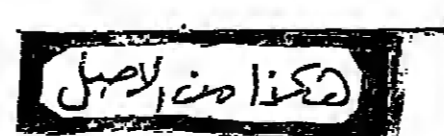
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## Sir David misses the point

Sir David Walker, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, professes himself mystified by the need of investors for more information on the effect of costs and expenses on their future pay outs. He is quite happy with the present obscure formula, expressed as reduction in the yield, forecast many years ahead, as an annual percentage. This may be actuarially sound but, as so often, few others can understand it.

Sir David is dead set against giving customers any more information on the amount of commission earned by salesmen, or helping them to understand that life products are invariably more profitable for salesmen than other investments. Letting investors know that the insurance company recommended by a broker is also one of the most generous in its remuneration to financial advisers is another non-runner as far as Sir David is concerned. It would be impossible to regulate and therefore should not be attempted, he says. Under the current regime only the pushy and well-informed stand a chance of being given

information on commission by a salesman. Yet Sir David acknowledged this week that the current system of commission payment is fundamentally unhealthy.

Until investors can compare payments to salesmen, they will not be able to judge the independence of their investment advice. Honest brokers should welcome full disclosure.

The Financial Services Act was not set up to protect those already in the know and able to look after themselves. If Sir David will not champion investors it falls to that doughty fighter, Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of fair trading.

Sir Gordon managed to persuade the trade secretary, Peter Lilley, of the need for full disclosure of commission at the point of sale. Sir David seems determined to ignore the call. He seems quite happy at the advantage the current system gives to the sale of life products.

### COMMENT

Maybe he needs more direct contact with ordinary investors.

### Written off

America's banking industry continues in turmoil. The latest provisions by Citicorp and Security Pacific show that others are even weaker. SecPac is taking the more cautious view of BankAmerica, its stronger merger partner. Moody's, the credit rating agency, sees Citicorp's axed quarterly dividend as positive and is maintaining its rather mediocre ratings.

In principle, transatlantic woes allied with weaker Japanese competition, should leave richer pickings for other international banks still able to expand. One recent sign was the withdrawal of

American banks from UK property lending, though British banks may not have been overjoyed to take up the slack.

The trouble is that the Swiss and Germans may benefit more than the British, whose domestic provisions have been on a like scale. Throughout the English-speaking world, banks allowed the quality of their loans to suffer for the sake of quantity. The harvest is likely to remain rotten for some time to come.

### BT queries

Potential investors in the government's BT sale will look in vain in the prospectus for any statement from Sir Bryan Carsteng, the industry's regulator, on what he has in mind for future changes in

the control regime or — perhaps more valuable — what he does not intend to do. The government, which has to approve any substantive changes proposed by Sir Bryan or the Monopolies Commission, will likewise not go beyond the bland general statements usual in privatisation prospectuses. In particular, it will not set out any meaningful policy parameters.

This may be perfectly normal and proper but investors will draw their own conclusions. Circulars from brokers involved in the issue have tended to play down the risk of drastic changes against BT's interest, on the ground that Sir Bryan has recently pushed through a big overhaul of the regime via the duopoly review and tighter pricing limits. This will not wash. Comforting analyses of British Gas took a similar line on its relations with Ofgas until the company was hit amidships by the government's acceptance of

radical new proposals from the Office of Fair Trading. BT is due to come under a new pricing regime from 1993 that could take in all sorts of similar changes.

Independent brokers are starting to bring these worries to the fore. A circular from Patrick Wellington of County Natwest, the leading analyst free to speak his mind, has already hit the BT price, virtually removing their outperformance in the early stages of the institutional marketing drive.

Lawrence Heyworth of Robert Fleming boldly suggests that institutions should not be pressurised into buying BT. Instead, they should ask a series of searching questions of Sir Bryan. This is highly pertinent. Sir Bryan has muscled far and wide, raising the possibility of BT being broken up, of returns on capital being too high. He has raised the possibility of "excess" profits, whatever that may mean, being split between shareholders and customers. Investors should be prepared for the worst. Sir Bryan has made one thing clear: the value of BT to investors does not come into his considerations.

AMID the teacups and dinner plates at Seagoe Ceramics' factory in Portladda, Northern Ireland, stood a row of smooth white cones, each almost three feet high, and perhaps 18 inches in diameter at the base.

These were the nose cones of Tornado fighters. Made from a fused silica, capable of withstanding wide temperature variations and the impact of a bird-strike, the ceramic cones allow radar signals to be transmitted and received without distortion.

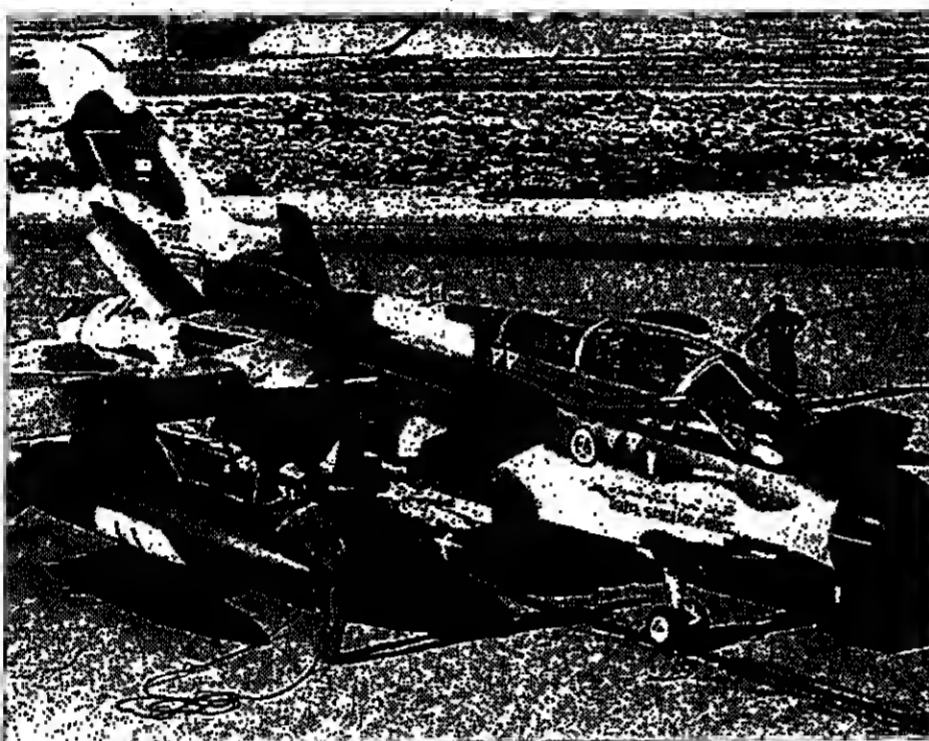
For many years, defence components such as these have been a small, but cherished, part of Seagoe's business. Michael Coulfield, Seagoe's managing director, says: "Radomes only account for a couple of per cent of our turnover but defence work is steady, and it is profitable if you are in a specialised niche. We would like to have more."

So it is for thousands of companies in the United Kingdom. Defence work has rarely been immensely profitable but it has provided a useful underpinning on which firms have been able to lean a little during downings in the economic cycle.

Leyland DAF, the Anglo Dutch lorry builder, has had a tough time in the present recession. Demand for trucks in the UK has slumped 30 per cent. A British army contract to supply light trucks and "Drops" palletised load carriers has helped the company retain workers who might otherwise have faced the dole queue. Development work on the vehicles has also assisted DAF to maintain the cost effectiveness of its research facilities in Lancashire.

For firms like these that produce limited runs of defence hardware alongside much larger volumes of commercial products, the contraction of Britain's armed forces is damaging, but it should not be a disaster. They have alternative products, and they have an established marketing network through which to sell them. Commercial products must play a bigger part in the production mix; it is simply a question of re-balancing. But the coincidence of static or declining defence spending and recession has exacerbated the problems of adjustment.

Some companies may actually benefit from the change. After all, no one is suggesting that total government spending will decline. Over the longer term, construction contractors may find themselves building hospitals, or homes for servicemen repatriated from Germany, rather than repairing airfield runways. Few defence contractors can



After-sales service: despite air raids, BAE kept Saudi Tornados flying against Iraq

## Exports offer the best defence against cuts and recession

substitute one product for another with such flexibility, however. Swan Hunter, the Tyneside warship builder, has just completed the James Clark Ross, a highly sophisticated polar research vessel. But it has taken considerable study for the yard's management to identify feeder ships for container ports as a growth market where Swan can seek to compete with merchant ship builders.

Much of Britain's defence procurement spending tends to be channelled through a small number of large companies, which often use smaller firms as contractors.

In the year to March 1990, only five concerns were paid more than £250 million by Britain's defence ministry: British Aerospace, the General Electric Company, Rolls-Royce, VSEL and Devonport Management, which runs the Devonport royal dockyard.

In the second rank, receiving from £100 million to £250 million, were ten companies: Boeing Aerospace of America, Dowty, FKI Babcock, GKN, Short Brothers, Thorn EMI,

Ross Tieman concludes an examination of the problems facing Britain's contracting arms industry

Vickers, Westland, Ferranti and Plessey.

The changes that have occurred among these top 15 companies in the past eighteen months alone is worth examining: each of the top five has announced job losses; combined, the numbers run into tens of thousands. But there has also been a striking concentration of ownership.

GEC has effectively subsumed the defence activities of Ferranti and Plessey. Babcock and Thorn are still wedded through their joint management of the Rosyth dockyard, but elsewhere Thorn is energetically withdrawing from the defence

arena. Short Brothers has become part of a larger group, Bombardier of Canada.

A similar picture of concentration shows up among smaller contractors that count defence as the largest part of their business.

As Dick Evans, chief executive of British Aerospace, Britain's biggest defence contractor, observes: "For many companies, if defence is only 15 per cent of your turnover, you're not going to stay with it." In many cases, the truth of his words is already evident.

There are really two types of leading defence company: the platform builders and system integrators, which produce finished equipment such as tanks, planes and ships, and the component suppliers, such as GEC.

As the historic barriers around national defence procurement markets decline, so competitive tension is developing between equipment makers. Platform builders are looking at alternative suppliers, often from overseas; suppliers are looking to channel their products, often

through joint ventures, into weapons produced by foreign platform builders.

Part of the fuss surrounding BAE's rights issue developed because of GEC's desire to secure its place as BAE's main supplier of electronic equipment. BAE argues that closer integration might threaten its ability to win sales in defence markets that are increasingly international.

The breakdown of traditional East-West areas of hegemony has opened the way for a free-for-all in international arms sales.

Historically, both sides sold hand-me-down equipment to their own group of client states. The Gulf war has set the seal on the new order. Henceforth, overseas arms buyers will want technology appropriate to their needs, and in areas of political instability, that will mean high technology.

Britain's defence contractors are well placed to compete. BAE did not just build the Tornado fighters with which Saudi pilots shot down Iraqi warplanes; its technicians kept the Royal Saudi Air Force flying, despite the Scud missiles falling on Dhahran. No other arms builder can claim such a record of in-service support.

The appointment of Sir Colin Chandler, who, as a civil servant, helped mastermind Britain's domination of the Saudis' Al Yamamah defence procurement programme, as the next chairman at Vickers is another sign of the trend. Vickers will be looking to the Middle East as an export market for its Challenger 2 tanks.

Swan Hunter has established an operation in Malaysia with an eye to potential Far Eastern markets for offshore patrol vessels. Vosper Thornycroft, the Southampton warship builder, regards crew training and support as an integral part of its export efforts.

Distasteful though it may seem to some, exports are an important part of the battle by Britain's defence industry to maintain the production volumes it needs to recoup the development costs of high-technology weapons systems. They are also a key to the preservation of a substantial indigenous defence industry that can increase production to meet domestic needs 10 times of increased tension, without being a drain on the taxpayer in the interim.

Little wonder that the defence ministry has emerged as an aggressive partner of the defence industry's export efforts. The greater Britain's arms export success, the less the trauma at home.

the leftovers. These otherwise unemployable people will shortly be taking up executive positions at Barings. They are exactly the same as those already there. The witch hunt has already begun...

### Wilderness girls

SIR Peter Holmes, dapper and adventurous co-chairman of Royal Dutch/Shell, the world's biggest oil group, must be proud of the exploits of two of his daughters, Jo and Martha. Less than three months after Jo married naturalist and safari guide Robio Pope in the Luangwa Valley, Zambia, her sister has emerged as the star of *Sea Trek*, the BBC's new underwater television series. Martha, who has spent months researching and filming the series, appears on screen wearing what could pass for a giant goldfish bowl. She has also written a book based on the series — taking her cue from her father who has produced three works of his own.

JON ASHWORTH

## Cabotage rules OK for British truckers

Tom Walker reports on a proposal to open Europe's road haulage system to more competition



Freedom fighter: Karel Van Miert, EC commissioner

KAREL Van Miert, the EC transport commissioner, argued yesterday that all European road haulage firms should have the right to unrestricted cabotage, allowing them to pick up and deliver goods within another country, from 1993.

He gave the example of a Dutch truck travelling from Rotterdam to Munich. At present, if there is no return consignment for Holland, the truck has to go back empty. Under the proposed new rules the truck could pick up a load in Munich and take it to Cologne before returning home.

Previously, most member states were worried that the cabotage principle would severely disrupt their domestic haulage markets, but an experimental scheme of cabotage quotas has proved the fears to be unfounded.

A spokesman for Britain's Road Haulage Association said although 15,000 permits had been granted throughout the EC, there had been a negligible effect on its business. "Quite honestly most foreign truckers are knackered by the time they get here and

just want to go home anyway," he said. "They're not in the business of looking round for new loads to carry somewhere else in Britain."

But the ecw liberalisation could affect transit EC countries like Germany and France, and Mr Van Miert said there will be safeguards to the new rules. First, if a domestic market is severely disrupted by cabotage, the commission will be able to intervene. Second, if cabotage immediately becomes a threat in 1993, then the commission will construct a transitional period, in which cabotage will take no more than 5 per cent

of a domestic market in 1993, rising to complete freedom by 1998.

The RHA said the only problem after 1993 will be determining to what extent foreign trucks will have to respect British laws. While they will obviously have to conform to weight and speed limits, it is uncertain whether they will also have to be equipped with anti-splash and under-run guards, as British-registered trucks do.

Mr Van Miert's proposals will be considered by the European parliament before going before transport ministers next spring.

### Ashdown finds double trouble

AS Labour and the Conservatives battle it out for support in the City, Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, has been quietly making some valuable connections of his own. Ashdown was at the West End offices of Fletcher King, the surveyor, yesterday, to meet various figures from the worlds of insurance, retailing and banking. But his day was nearly ruined when he discovered that the last remaining place at the table was to be taken by a certain David Mellor. Fortunately, it was out David Mellor, chief secretary to the Treasury, but David Mellor, of Julius Mellor, a company that supplies Marks and Spencer with bubble bath and soap. The meeting was strained. The two Mellors look exactly alike.

Call of the Bar  
SIR Sydney Lipworth, chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, may be

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ready to return to his roots as a barrister. South African-born Sir Sydney, one of the pioneers of British life assurance, has been called to the Bar, a move which could lead on to a lucrative career in British law. He was called to the South African Bar in 1956 with Sir Mark Weinberg, whom he later joined at Abbey Life, and followed to Allied Dunbar. "He's an enormously hard worker," says Sir Mark, who is busy setting up J Rothschild Assurance and admits that it is all a lot more complicated than it was 20 years ago.

Dark illumination  
THE low level of lighting in the Securities and Investments Board's boardroom posed a few problems yesterday for Sir David Walker, the SIB chairman. Sir David

was due to announce, appropriately enough, that no more light is to be shed on the levels of commissions paid to investment salesmen. But, concerned for the eyesight of journalists present, he asked for the lights in the room to be



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switched on first. Catherine Paviot, who joined SIB's press team from the Serious Fraud Office last month, opened a cupboard in search of the light switches, then put on the air conditioning by mistake. As Sir David summoned reinforcements, a colleague managed to switch on some side lights, allowing the meeting to proceed in only marginal gloom.

Milk teeth  
DEALERS at Barings have been chuckling over the latest edition of *Barings Organisation and Friends* (BOF), a spoof in-house journal, which includes a refreshingly comic view of the annual "milk-round", in which stockbrokers and banks go to search of new employees. "As in previous years, we have been round the orphanages and redbrick universities for

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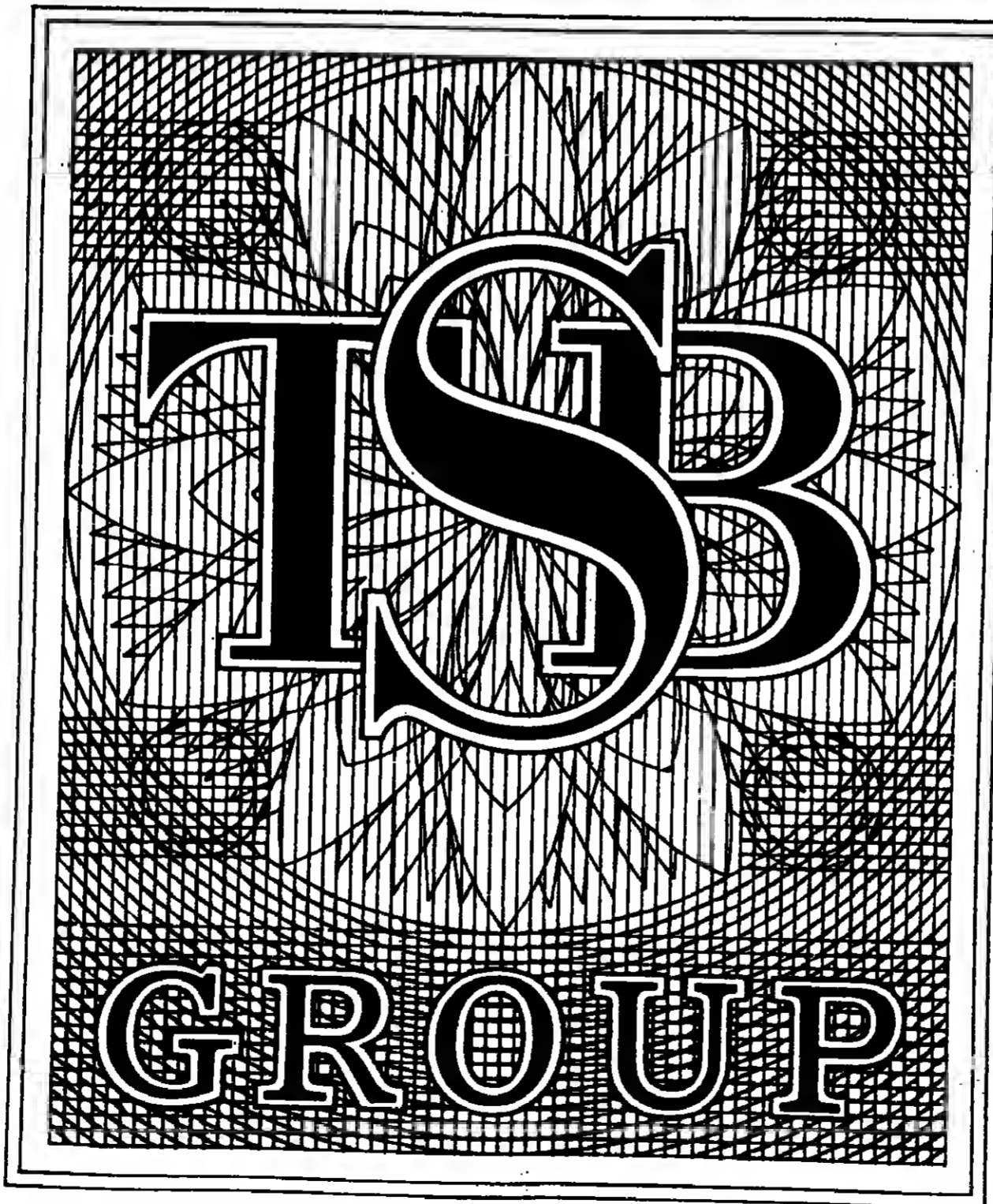
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# Higher stakes put focus on Grampian game plan

**BILL** Hughes, chairman of Grampian Holdings, must play a shrewd game of poker. Having kept a stony face while two rivals in the battle for control of MacCarthy slugged it out in the limelight, he has now played what he considers to be an ace while Lloyds Chemists and UniChem are prevented from showing their final cards by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

His hand, however, is hardly a royal flush. Grampian's offer is the only one left on the table, but investors will be aware that Lloyds and UniChem may renew their bids if regulatory hurdles are overcome. Grampian's increased offer of 147 new shares for every 100 MacCarthy shares bears no cash alternative and values the target at only £79 million. Lloyds valued MacCarthy at £83 million and both Lloyds and UniChem offered an element of cash. These two companies may be out of bounds but still have a lot to play for.



Slow recovery at Lilley: Sir Lewis Robertson (left) with chief executive Bob Rankin

Grampian shareholders should expect their company's record to come under close scrutiny now stakes have been raised. Grampian knows this hence a 13.3 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 1.7p a share. Profits rose 7.9 per cent to £4.1 million before tax, and earnings 8.5 per cent to 4.34p a share.

Earnings look competitive in a difficult trading environment, but owed much to a 34 per cent profit rise in the pharmaceuticals division to £3.03 million. The sporting goods division, up 7.6 per cent to £1.35 million, was helped by a return to profit at Patrick International. Demand for sporting goods remains weak but Grampian hopes further improvements at Patrick will sustain momentum.

On expected profits of £14.25 million this year, the shares, down 2p to 195p, trade on a p/e of 13, which is unlikely to rise until the MacCarthy tussle is concluded.

## Lilley

**SIR** Lewis Robertson is a company doctor with a well established reputation for staying with his patients until they are fully recovered.

On present evidence, it looks as if Sir Lewis, chairman of Lilley since 1986, will be with the Glasgow construction group for a while. Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June fell from £6.52 million to £1.73 million on a turnover broadly unchanged

at £162.2 million, though the interim dividend is held at 1p a share, declared out of net earnings of 0.91p a share.

A profits setback is not entirely unexpected against the depressed background for construction-related groups, though at least the balance sheet is getting stronger, largely thanks to the summer injectio of £24 million by Spanish interests that own 21 per cent of the equity.

The fruits of partnership are starting to show. The results of joint tendering for extensions to the Jubilee line and for a hydro project in Spain are awaited. Gearing stood at 98 per cent at last balance sheet, and could be headed for the 40 per cent level this financial year-end. The interim oct interest charge is down from £4.63 million to £2.5 million.

Bob Rankin, Lilley's chief executive, sits with a group order book of £354 million, made up of relatively small value and short duration work. Lilley can move fairly quickly to higher margin work once conditions improve. A 10 per cent stake in Hong Kong Tunnel, with a market worth of between £3 million and £4 million, is still good financial ammunition on which to draw.

A 1991 year-end pre-tax profit of £8.5 million would compare with last year's £14.1 million, and put the shares at 41p or prospective 10.2 times earnings. A maintained year's dividend of 2.5p would yield 8.1 per cent. Hold on.

## Thorntons

**BRITONS** continue to chomp their way through the current recession and Thorntons, the confectioner, is reaping the benefits of their love affair with chocolate. The year to end-June was a tough one, but strong management and a healthy balance sheet, coupled with productivity gains, allowed Thorntons to increase pre-tax profits by 5 per cent to £11.9 million on sales up 12.4 per cent to £79.9 million.

Operating profits rose 14 per cent to £11.4 million and earnings per share grew by 0.5 per cent to 12.6p. There was a 15 per cent rise in the tax charge and earnings per share, adjusted to reflect a consistent tax charge, rose 5 per cent. The final dividend is 2.4p, making a total of 3.6p, an increase of 9.1 per cent.

Property disposals contributed £713,000 to profits and a change in the depreciation policy added £224,000. There was an extraordinary profit of £350,000, arising from tax relief on the disposal of Mary Morrisroe Ltd in 1989-90.

Sales of ice cream were strong with the small British and French factories working flat out to meet demand. The group is looking at ways to expand the ice cream business as demand increases. The manufacturing division made productivity gains of 14 per cent.

Gearing is a low 8 per cent and, while John Thornton, the chairman and chief executive, is cautious about the current year, the group has a strong range for Christmas and its steady growth of recent years looks set to continue.

The shares, down 1p to 175p, are trading on a multiple of 12.2, assuming profits of £13.6 million in the current year. The share price has steadily increased for the last 12 months and there is nothing to suggest that it will not continue to do so.

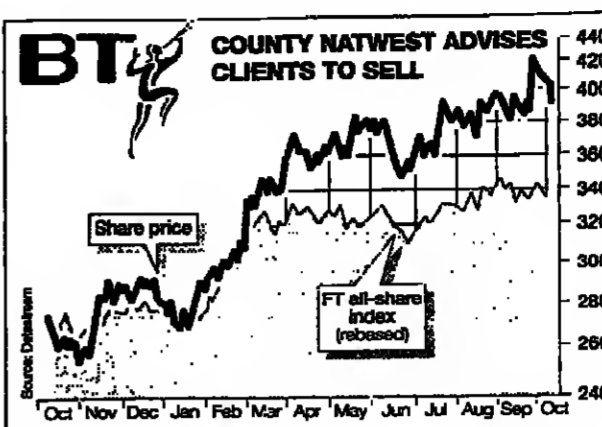
Thames firmed 7p to 203p in spite of losing its franchise. Carlton Communications, which ousted Thames, was unchanged at 520p. Mark Deilby, an analyst at Warburg Securities, said: "The surprise element was clearly how low LWT and Granada have bid. They have done very well to retain their licences at such a low bid. Otherwise, it was pretty much as expected."

Meanwhile, equities were generally lacklustre in the absence of positive economic news and continuing political uncertainties. The FT-SE 100 index traded in a narrow range, ending 2.3 points

# Market fears for financial health of TV winners hit share prices

**ATTENTION** centered on the television sector as the City tried to digest the long-awaited Channel 3 franchise awards. The Stock Exchange extended its allowance for "indicative" prices from market-makers by 15 minutes to allow dealers to absorb the complexities.

LWT and Granada were marked higher after they saw off challenges with cut-price bids. LWT's convertible preference shares jumped 53p to 198p, while Granada added 11p to 184p. Success helped Central Independent rise by 4p to £10.83, while Tyne Tees added 49p to 284p and Scottish TV 15p to 645p. Profit-taking after a "tremendous run" saw Anglia TV retreat 33p to 198p. The loss of their franchises left LWT 12p lower at 70p, TV-am 22p at 102p and TVS Entertainment 9p at 21p.



higher at 2,579.0. The FT index of 30 shares closed 7.0 higher at 1,980.5. Volume reached 482.3 million shares. Gilt reverses initial rises to close about 2 1/2 lower.

Essexnet fell further in 425p, before rallying to close at 257p, but rallied to close at 267p, down 9p. This followed a downgrading from Warburg, which halved its pre-tax profit forecast, from £40 million to £20 million, for the year to end-December, against £85.2 million last year. This appears to be well below most other forecasts, which are between £33 million and £37 million.

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weakness, after disclosing the £105 million disposal of its Wimpey Waste subsidiary, closing up 3p at 159p. Ultramar rose 18p to 277p as volume swelled to 13 million after an encouraging note from James Capel and continued bid rumours, centered on British Gas, unchanged at 257p, BP, up 5p to 352p, and Lasmo, unchanged at 151p.

to predict that BT's pre-tax profits could be reduced by about £575 million, or 15 per cent, in the 1992-93, assuming a Labour government.

Meanwhile, Hillsdown, the food to furniture group, recovered in edge above its rights price of 210p, closing up 2 1/2p at 212p, providing more encouragement for the company's £280 million cash call, which closes today. Warburg, joint-brokers, have been pushing hard and now appear to be more optimistic on the issue's likely success.

Asda, the troubled supermarket chain, received approval from shareholders for its £357 million rights issue. The shares responded with a 5p rise to 50p, on heavy volume of 19 million shares.

British Aerospace reversed an early decline in close 2p higher at 379p, still at a small discount to the rights price of 380p. The composite insurers remained nervous as the hurricane approaches, with Commercial Union down 12p to 478p, General Accident 4p at 505p, Guardian Royal 3p to 167p, Royal Insurance 3p to 318p and Sun Alliance 3p to 345p.

A Shearson downgrading knocked 8p off United Biscuits to 384p.

Grampian, the Glasgow mini-conglomerate, lost 2p to 195p, after its increased offer for MacCarthy, the Savory & Moore chemists group, up 3p to 272p. The new bid is worth £79 million.

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## Dow firm in early trading

**New York** - Shares were firm in morning trading, supported by the advances on Monday and Tuesday that drew more buyers. The Dow Jones index trial average was up by 0.63 of a point to 3,042 in choppy trading. But some investors took profits, which limited

□ Sydney - The market shrugged off negative comments about Australia by an international credit rating agency and strengthened to close at a 15-month high on hopes of an interest rate cut and gains on foreign markets. The all-ordinaries index rose 4.9 points to 1,591.4.

□ Tokyo - Prices ended mixed. Brokers said the market's energy was low in the absence of both news and the big four brokers. The Nikkei index was up 27.02 points, or 0.11 per cent, to 24,334.67.

□ Frankfurt - Weakness in the chemical sector sent shares lower. The Dax index fell 14.93 points to 1,570.11.

□ Singapore - Prices closed mixed. The Straits Times industrial index ended at 1,370.23, up 0.19 of a point.

□ Hong Kong - The market was closed.

## MAJOR INDICES

New York	Dow Jones	3042.71 (+1.34)
New York	S&P Composite	391.28 (+0.27)
Tokyo	Nikkei Average	24334.67 (+27.02)
Frankfurt	DAX	1570.11 (-14.93)
Singapore	Straits Times Ind	1370.23 (+0.19)
Hong Kong	HK 100	1095.87 (+0.38)
Amsterdam	AEX	803.0 (-0.2)
Sydney	All Ordinaries	1591.4 (+4.9)
Zurich	SIX	1670.11 (+14.93)
Brussels	General	5917.00 (+7.04)
Paris	CAC	1382.87 (+1.49)
Zurich	SIX	1670.11 (+14.93)
London	FT-100	1242.78 (+0.86)
London	FT-100	1382.87 (+1.49)
London	FT-100	725.7 (+0.2)
London	FT-100	96.84 (+0.08)
London	FT-100	259.80 (+0.2)
London	FT-100	131.56 (-0.86)

**WALL STREET**

Oct 16	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 15
midday	close	midday	close	midday	close	midday	close
Abbott Lab	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Acadia Life	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Amstrad	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Air Prods	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Abbott	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Alcan Al	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Alcoa	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Alcoa Ind	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Alcoa S	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Alcoa T	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Alcoa U	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Alcoa V	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Alcoa W	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Alcoa X	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Alcoa Y	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Alcoa Z	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2

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No.	Company	Group	Share Price	Dividend
1	News Corp	Newspapers, Pub	105.0	0.30
2	Gold Plc	Oil, Gas	125.0	0.40
3	Pinkston	Industrials L-R	155.0	0.50
4	Managers	Building, Roads	165.0	0.55
5	Industrials E-K		175.0	0.60
6	MESC	Property	185.0	0.65
7	Reed Int	Newspapers, Pub	195.0	0.70
8	TSB	Banks, Discount	205.0	0.75
9	St Steel	Industrials A-D	215.0	0.80
10	Thomas TV	Leisure	225.0	0.85
11	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	235.0	0.90
12	Tesco	Food	245.0	0.95
13	Rentokil	Chemicals, Plst	255.0	1.00
14	Forminster	Drapery, Stores	265.0	1.05
15	NFC	Transport	275.0	1.10
16	Storehouse	Drapery, Stores	285.0	1.15
17	Clayton	Industrials A-D	295.0	1.20
18	Monroe	Industrials L-R	305.0	1.25
19	Mifflin Op	Industrials L-R	315.0	1.30
20	Land Sec	Property	325.0	1.35
21	Amerham	Chemicals, Plst	335.0	1.40
22	Stand Chart	Banks, Discount	345.0	1.45
23	Proudfoot Alexander	Industrials L-R	355.0	1.50
24	Hazlewood Foods	Food	365.0	1.55
25	Usher Walker	Paper, Print, Adv	375.0	1.60
26	Manheim Op	Newspapers, Pub	385.0	1.65
27	Robinson (Thomas)	Banks, Discount	395.0	1.70
28	Canal	Leisure	405.0	1.75
29	Ulster TV	Leisure	415.0	1.80
30	ADT	Industrials A-D	425.0	1.85
31	St Ives Op	Paper, Print, Adv	435.0	1.90
32	Angill	Food	445.0	1.95
33	Flugel	Industrials E-K	455.0	2.00
34	Asia Energy	Oil, Gas	465.0	2.05
35	Owens Abroad	Leisure	475.0	2.10
36	Unilever	Industrials S-Z	485.0	2.15
37	Harrison Crosid	Industrials E-K	495.0	2.20
38	Roddington	Breweries	505.0	2.25
39	News Intl	Newspapers, Pub	515.0	2.30
40	Reckitt & Coleman	Industrials L-R	525.0	2.35
41	Scapa	Industrials S-Z	535.0	2.40
42	Nat Aust Bk	Banks, Discount	545.0	2.45
43	Dixons Grp	Drapery, Stores	555.0	2.50
44	B Aerospace	Industrials L-R	565.0	2.55
45	Times Newspapers Ltd	Daily Total	575.0	2.60

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend  
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Three readers shared yesterday's Portfolio Platinum prize: Richard Causebrook, of Borehamwood, Hertfordshire; Glyn Wootton, of Clevedon, Avon; and James Renfrew, of Glasgow, each received £1,333.

### BRITISH FUNDS

High Low Buy Price Divs Yield %

**SHORTS (Under Five Years)**

100% Short Term	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.00
95% Short Term	95.0	95.0	0.00	0.00
90% Short Term	90.0	90.0	0.00	0.00
85% Short Term	85.0	85.0	0.00	0.00
80% Short Term	80.0	80.0	0.00	0.00

**FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS**

100% Five to Fifteen	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.00
95% Five to Fifteen	95.0	95.0	0.00	0.00
90% Five to Fifteen	90.0	90.0	0.00	0.00
85% Five to Fifteen	85.0	85.0	0.00	0.00
80% Five to Fifteen	80.0	80.0	0.00	0.00

**OVER FIFTEEN YEARS**

100% Over Fifteen	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.00
95% Over Fifteen	95.0	95.0	0.00	0.00
90% Over Fifteen	90.0	90.0	0.00	0.00
85% Over Fifteen	85.0	85.0	0.00	0.00
80% Over Fifteen	80.0	80.0	0.00	0.00

**UNDATED**

100% Undated	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.00
95% Undated	95.0	95.0	0.00	0.00
90% Undated	90.0	90.0	0.00	0.00
85% Undated	85.0	85.0	0.00	0.00
80% Undated	80.0	80.0	0.00	0.00

**INDEX-LINKED**

100% Index-Linked	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.00
95% Index-Linked	95.0	95.0	0.00	0.00
90% Index-Linked	90.0	90.0	0.00	0.00
85% Index-Linked	85.0	85.0	0.00	0.00
80% Index-Linked	80.0	80.0	0.00	0.00

**BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP**

100% Banks, Discount, HP	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.00
95% Banks, Discount, HP	95.0	95.0	0.00	0.00
90% Banks, Discount, HP	90.0	90.0	0.00	0.00
85% Banks, Discount, HP	85.0	85.0	0.00	0.00
80% Banks, Discount, HP	80.0	80.0	0.00	0.00

## STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Selective support

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 14. Dealings end October 25. Contango day October 28. Settlement day November 4. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

### BREWERIES

Adnams	125.0	0.40
Beck's	155.0	0.50
Carlsberg	165.0	0.55
Guinness	175.0	0.60
Harbin	185.0	0.65
Heineken	195.0	0.70
King	205.0	0.75
London	215.0	0.80
Mecklenburg	225.0	0.85
Reckitt & Coleman	235.0	0.90
Tesco	245.0	0.95
Usher Walker	255.0	1.00
Wolfe	265.0	1.05
Yates	275.0	1.10

### BUILDING, ROADS

Angill	125.0	0.40
Forminster	135.0	0.45
Manheim Op	145.0	0.50
Reed Int	155.0	0.55
Stand Chart	165.0	0.60
Usher Walker	175.0	0.65
Wolfe	185.0	0.70

### ELECTRICITY

British Energy	125.0	0.40
EDF Energy	135.0	0.45
Electricity Supply	145.0	0.50
Energy Services	155.0	0.55
Energy Trust	165.0	0.60
Energy World	175.0	0.65
Energy X	185.0	0.70

### FINANCE, LAND

Bank of Scotland	125.0	0.40
Barclays	135.0	0.45
Bank of Ireland	145.0	0.50
Bank of Montreal	155.0	0.55
Bank of New York	165.0	0.60
Bank of Tokyo	175.0	0.65
Bank of West	185.0	0.70

### FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Financial Trust	125.0	0.40
Financial Services	135.0	0.45
Financial Support	145.0	0.50
Financial Systems	155.0	0.55
Financial Technology	165.0	0.60
Financial Innovation	175.0	0.65
Financial Research	185.0	0.70

### FOODS

Anglo Siam	125.0	0.40
Archer Daniels	135.0	0.45
Archer Daniels	145.0	0.50
Archer Daniels	155.0	0.55
Archer Daniels	165.0	0.60
Archer Daniels	175.0	0.65
Archer Daniels	185.0	0.70

### CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Acetylene	125.0	0.40
Acetylene	135.0	0.45
Acetylene	145.0	0.50
Acetylene	155.0	0.55
Acetylene	165.0	0.60
Acetylene	175.0	0.65
Acetylene	185.0	0.70

### DRAPERY, STORES

Anglo Siam	125.0	0.40
Archer Daniels	135.0	0.45
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### HOTELS, CATERERS

Archer Daniels	125.0	0.40
Archer Daniels	135.0	0.45
Archer Daniels	145.0	0.50
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Britain's pension funds have reached a new high, but a decision

by the European Court is causing concern. Jon Ashworth reports

# Battle to keep the pensioners and widows merry

Britain's pension fund managers have quite a task. Try managing £270 billion in funds for a start. Get it right, and a healthy pension is waiting in the wings. A couple of slips — a Polly Peck here, a Brest Walker there — and the task becomes all the more difficult.

Last year was the worst for British pension funds since 1974. Most were heavily invested in shares, and values plunged by an average of 10.5 per cent. About £33 billion went down the drain. Such losses, however, are only part of the trouble. Legislation and court rulings have left big question marks.

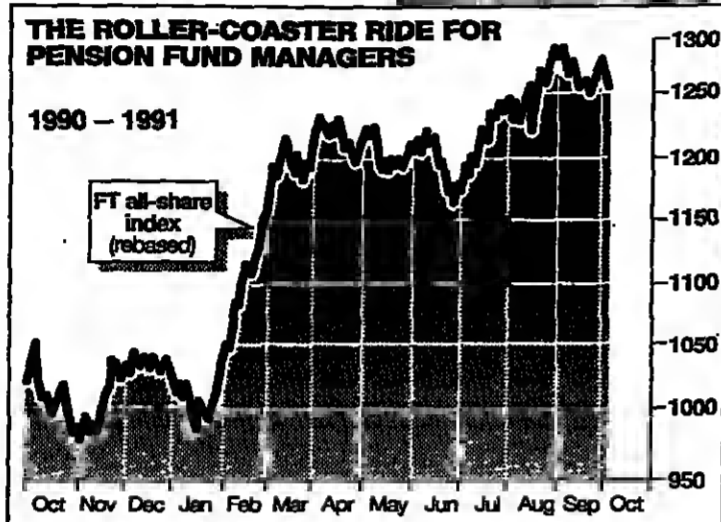
The case of *Barber v Guardian Royal Exchange* led to a ruling in the European Court of Justice on 17 May 1990 that pensions payable by a company scheme must be given to men and women on the same terms. Unfortunately, it was unclear whether the ruling applied from or before that date.

Another case, relating to the pension schemes of the collapsed Coloroll group, goes to the European Court next year and could end the confusion.

Then there are restrictions on self-investment. There is political controversy. Will the government take a lead on retirement ages for companies to follow?

In the longer term, last year's disastrous performance will do little harm. The average return of funds during the past ten years, according to Combined Actuarial Performance Services (Caps), was 15.4 per cent, well ahead of inflation. Funds have typically soared 23 per cent this year and overseas equities were the stars of the second quarter, according to the WM Company. American shares are recovering after a long, dull run. WM reports that even Australian shares, shunned by investment managers for years,

*'Will the government take the lead on retirement ages for companies to follow?'*



bounced back by 11.4 per cent in the second quarter of 1991.

Competition among fund management houses is fiercer than ever. In 1990, Mercury Asset Management was the biggest British pension fund manager, with more than £22 billion under management, said a survey by Hyman Robertson, the consulting actuary. Next came Phillips & Drew Fund Management, with £14 billion, and BZW Investment Management, with £12 billion.

Legal rulings and government action are quite another matter. Tony Newton, the social security secretary, is under pressure to guide British employers on retire-

ment ages. However, the decision to alter the state pension age is a sensitive one affecting millions of voters, and a consultation document on retirement is the best that can be hoped for as the general election approaches.

Under the Social Security Act 1990, pension funds will have to guarantee minimum annual increases — limited price indexation or LPI. Nobody knows the final cost of Barber and Coloroll to pension funds, so LPI has had to be put on ice.

More legislation is in the wings. The government has said self-investment will be limited to 5 per cent of a scheme's resources.

New regulations are unlikely before next year. Another topical theme is pension rights on divorce. There is an argument that a woman divorced late in life with little time to build up a pension entitlement should receive a share of her former husband's pension.

Even the Church of England is facing controversy over its £2.4 billion fund. The Church Commissioners, as fund managers, have been attacked for investing in businesses with South African links. Although the commissioners do not invest directly in companies whose main business is armaments, gambling, alcohol, tobacco or newspapers, a balanced portfolio may make some overlap impossible to avoid.

There are increasing calls for pension funds to become more involved in the affairs of Britain's blue-chip companies. Seven out of ten shares in Britain are held by institutional investors. However, the National Association of Pension Funds says only one in five pension funds votes at company

meetings. One in four never votes. Far from the City investment houses, the people who are supposed to gain — the pensioners — are at last getting a voice. The National Pensions Advisory Service (Opas), set up as a charity in 1982, has received an official grant for the first time. Opas works with local Citizens' Advice Bureaux to help to put pensioners with queries in touch with trustees and administrators.

For the first time, there is a pensions ombudsman. Michael Platt took up the post in April and reserves himself for the trickiest cases, the ones Opas has failed to resolve. He is limited to company and personal pensions. State and public service pensions are not in his brief.

The pension scheme registry will be especially useful for employees who have changed jobs several times, leaving cash behind every time. Schemes had to sign up by the end of July, and once the registry is established it will be easier for pensioners to trace the amounts and claim their due.

Smile on the face of the survivor: Deborah Barrymore, the model used to market pensions on television for Scottish Widows pensions



## The Coloroll of pension money

May 17, 1990 is the one date that pension specialists will never be allowed to forget. That was the day the European Court of Justice ruled in the case of *Barber v Guardian Royal Exchange*. The judgment has been indelibly stamped on the face of British — and, for that matter, European — pensions history, Jon Ashworth writes.

In a nutshell, the court decided that men and women should be able to draw pensions from the same age, not, as in Britain, at 65 and 60 respectively. Unfortunately, the court did not decide whether the judgment should apply only from May 1990, or benefit people who had retired earlier.

There are, however, many interpretations, most of them in the employee's favour. This is the wild card in the pensions pack.

Uncertainty over the cost to industry has marked up the working lives of trustees, employers, solicitors, accountants and fund managers throughout the United Kingdom. Nobody is sure of the final cost of the back payments. The National Association of Pension Funds thinks that £27 billion is a fair figure. The Confederation of British Industry predicts £40 billion at the outside.

In July, the Coloroll case, involving the pension schemes of the Coloroll group of companies, which collapsed in 1990, was referred to the European Court. The ruling could clarify how far back the retrospection should go.

So much hinges on the outcome of the Coloroll case that the European Court is under intense pressure to deliver an early ruling. A hearing has been scheduled for early next year and a ruling may follow by the summer.

John Cunliffe, the pensions partner at McKenna & Co and the solicitor acting for the independent trustees of the Coloroll pension schemes, says proceedings

are being watched closely in Germany and The Netherlands, where similar cases are pending.

"The Germans are in a panic over Coloroll," Mr Cunliffe says. "It seems likely that the German and Dutch cases will follow the ruling." The Coloroll case and the German and Dutch cases, according to a review by McKenna, "give the European Court an unrivalled opportunity to rule on the retrospective effect of the Barber judgment, as well as on money purchase benefits and the position of trustees".

Setting 65 as the common retirement age would leave some British pension funds better-off. Lowering it to 60 for men as well as women would leave them deeply out of pocket.

Tim Johnson, the head of the employment law practice of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, sees no immediate end to the uncertainty surrounding retrospective payments. He thinks many employers are trying to pretend the problem does not exist.

Mr Johnson says: "There are a lot of ostrich-type firms. They can see there will be a problem, but there is a lot of doubt over the European judgment and they are just sitting on the fence. There is a surprising lack of activity among employers."

The question of which retirement age to choose remains high on the political agenda.

Last month, Labour produced a Charter for Pensioners that would give men the right to draw a full state pension at the age of 60 rather than 65.

The Conservatives have been accused of favouring 63 or 65 as a retirement age for both sexes.

Tony Newton, the social security secretary, is due to publish a consultation paper on retirement any day now.

Many companies are trying to pre-empt whatever happens by raising the retirement age for women to 65 ahead of any ruling.



Tony Newton: due to act



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# Sitting pretty and ready for Euro business

Michael Elton talks to Jon Ashworth about the EC proposals that will open up Europe to Britain's pensions industry

Britain's money managers are to be given the go-ahead to manage pension funds throughout Europe, and they have Sir Leon Brittan to thank. Sir Leon, the European Community commissioner for competition policy, yesterday finalised a directive which will open Europe to pension fund managers in London and Edinburgh.

The move will be welcomed by Britain's pensions industry and by Michael Elton, the director-general of the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF). Mr Elton and his team lobby long and hard on matters affecting the NAPF's 1,200 members and the £200 billion in funds that they manage. Their decisions affect more than six million employees.

Mr Elton and his European opposite numbers held their annual conference in Italy last week, and Sir Leon's proposals were much in mind. The directive calls for cross-border management and cross-border investment — two of Sir Leon's "three freedoms" — allowing British companies to advise pension funds in Denmark or France, for instance, and manage the funds on their behalf.

The proposals must be thrown open for consultation before they can pass into law. They may pave the way for the third "freedom",

allowing employees to take pooled pensions from country to country, but such a move is a long way off while tax and social security arrangements remain different.

Mr Elton supports the directive but hopes for some fine-tuning. "We are pretty free here to invest across borders, but the wording of the draft could leave it open to other governments to impose maximum investment limits on us," he says.

## Sir Leon yesterday announced moves allowing UK fund managers to invest more freely abroad

At home, the issue of equal retirement ages for men and women remains a top priority. The NAPF is awaiting the consultative document on pensions from Tony Newton, the social security secretary, and hopes the government will give a lead on which age to choose.

Picking 60 as a common retirement age for men and women could cost the pensions industry between £40 billion and £50

billion. The NAPF supports equal retirement ages and thinks 65 is the best choice but suggests flexible arrangements. Mr Elton says: "We agree that men and women should now be earning equal pensions. We are in favour of future service equality. People should start earning equal pensions but we have grave difficulty with compulsory retrospective."

Mr Elton emphasises that a strong occupational pensions sector must be developed to ease pressure on the state scheme. He says: "Underlying everything we say and do is the demographic time bomb, a time bomb of nuclear proportions, with the increasing ageing population and a relatively smaller workforce to support it. Overshadowing everything is the issue of equalisation."

Mr Elton spends much of his time advising members and lobbying politicians and civil servants. He thinks the NAPF is being taken more seriously as a result. "I think our voice has been strengthened in the past year," he says.

The NAPF's membership of the European Federation for Retirement Provision gives it a say in Brussels. As greater European unification gathers pace, Mr Elton and his colleagues will see whether their negotiating powers retain their strength.



Cross-border opportunities: Michael Elton welcomes the European directive but is hoping for some fine-tuning to the proposals

### THREE EXPERTS GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON HOW THE PENSION FUND MARKET WILL FARE DURING THE COMING 12 MONTHS

Tony Dye, investment director of Phillips & Drew Fund Management, says: "The past 12 months have provided some interesting opportunities for fund managers. Equity markets were initially depressed about oil prices after the invasion of Kuwait, then recovered as worst fears were seen to be unfounded and hopes of economic recovery in the United States and Britain were encouraged by falling interest rates."

"So the 'shock' for pension fund trustees of seeing a negative return of around 10 per cent on their investments reported for 1990 has soon been overcome. Many trustees are turning away, at least temporarily,



Tony Dye

from the more time-consuming approach to management required by specialised funds, and they are re-assessing the merits of the traditional, balanced approach.

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Chris Cheetham, director of investment strategy at Prudential Portfolio Managers (a member of IMRO), predicts: "Unlike a decade ago, the majority of pension funds now hold little or no commercial property and have a substantial amount of international equities. Until recently, investment managers



Chris Cheetham

also had an aversion to fixed interest investment — gilts, index-linked gilts and international bonds. Lately, however, the popularity of bonds has risen, perhaps reflecting

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"Globally, the economic background is benign. Inflation is expected to be low. However, real interest rates are still quite high, so bonds

are neither outstandingly cheap nor dear. International equities therefore offer solid, albeit unexciting, returns at low risk.

"We can be more positive about British markets, especially equities. The discipline of the ERM should ensure that progress on reducing wage inflation will continue. In relation to both gilts and other equity markets, British valuations are attractive."

Bill Baker, director of Henderson Pension Fund Management, says: "Since the sharp sell-off following the invasion of Kuwait, there has been a bull market, with the average pension fund returning more than 30 per cent



Bill Baker

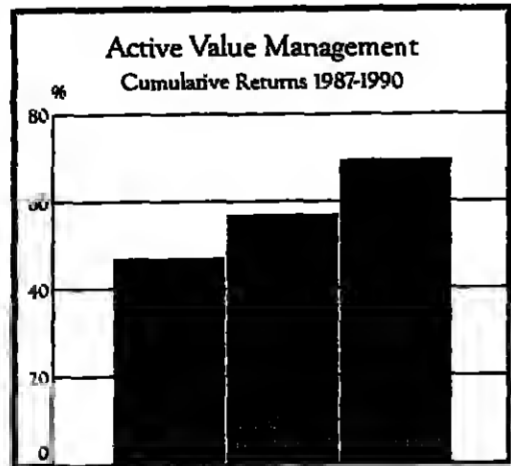
"There have been few bids. Small companies have had only a limited recovery and, as with the bear market of 1990, shares that go wrong do so spectacularly. Consequently,

fund managers are keeping their heads down. But equity managers also tend to be optimistic. Accordingly, we have spent much of this year of recession trying to spot the recovery coming.

"Most of us began the year with high cash weightings and a defensive orientation to some sectors. The process of moving to a more balanced strategy is far from complete. Fund managers are holding bond weightings and if the progress of inflation is in line with the optimists' forecasts, we are all going to want to own more bonds. The case for sober, German-style inflation in Britain is not proven, however. So we continue to discount recovery cautiously. Timing is the key."

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Private pension funds may be tiny next to such giants as Postel, but the amounts are growing fast. There are now nearly five million personal pensions in existence, far more than anyone expected when they were introduced in July 1988. Most people with personal pensions use them to contract out of the State Earnings-Related Pensions Scheme (Serps). However, even though most plans are shells into which state rebates are pooled, the amounts add up to £3 billion a year.

Scottish Widows found a formidable weapon in the actor Roger Moore's daughter, Deborah Barrymore, who is the glamorous "widow" in its television, newspaper and billboard advertising campaign.

To follow its "Amicable Man" series, Scottish Amicable asked its customers to send in amusing home video clips and strung them together. The result is a memorable advertising campaign that costs the group between £3 million and £4 million a year.

Standard Life, which found the theme of "setting standards", is not advertising at all at the moment — perhaps another tactic to keep it ahead of the competition. Meanwhile, offices such as Legal & General, with its distinctive umbrella, and Allied Dunbar, with its "health check" series, are keeping up the pressure.

Of the 22 million people in Britain who work, about half belong to occupational pensions schemes. Most of the others rely on the state scheme, but many school-leavers and graduates are buying personal pensions.

Company scheme members who wish to top up their payments can contribute to their companies' Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) schemes, although these tend to be conservative,

### Wide choice is open to employees, in private and company schemes

or they can take out free-standing AVCs, which are run separately by life offices and offer more adventurous investment strategies.

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As most of the holders of personal pension plans use them to channel money from the state scheme, now is the time to suggest they top them up with £30 or £40 a month from their own pockets. By some estimates, workers

in their twenties should be investing 15 per cent of their annual salary towards their pension — £3,000 a year for somebody earning £20,000. Most of these people, however, would be reluctant to part with £60 a month.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Changes must be thought out

From Mr Robin Steiber
Sir, What splendid news that Fifa is going to take action to curb the time-wasting back-pass...

New body will send full team

From Mr Dave Bedford
Sir, Charles Thompson (October 10) need not be concerned that British athletics will only send medal chances to major championships...

Improving the odds

From Mr Derek Bratt
Sir, I fail to see the logic of trainers denying punters essential information about jockeys...

Part of the course

From Mr Robert S. Neil
Sir, During the last match of the Dunhill Cup final between Sweden and South Africa...

Softening the blow

From Mr James Doyle
Sir, I was puzzled by Mr Mike Tomkies's letter (October 3), in which he alleged that the "power" of the hardest blow can be reduced by 40 per cent by padding gloves...

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Rugby failings

From Mr E. E. Smith
Sir, Your otherwise exemplary report of the match between Wales and Australia (October 14) made no reference to the ill-mannered and unsporting behaviour of the Welsh supporters at Cardiff Arms Park...

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Confident ring around Pipe

By MICHAEL SEELY
MARTIN Pipe had the unmistakable ring of confidence as Cheltenham yesterday when discussing the heavily-backed Tamarpon's chance of winning Saturday's Tote Cesarewitch at Newmarket...



Far Senior, ridden by Anthony Tary, jumping clear at Cheltenham yesterday in the Dermot Daly Memorial Trophy.

Gallop signals end for Generous

By RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT
GENEROUS has run his last race and is being retired to stud. The announcement came yesterday after the dual Derby winner failed to impress in a workout at Windsor...

Anthony Penfold, Salzman's racing manager, said: "Generous didn't work with his usual sparkle at Windsor. The prospect of a viral infection, which is clear from the exertions of running in the Arc while not 100 per cent have taken their toll..."

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Table with columns for Redcar, Wolverhampton, Cheltenham, and Wetherby, listing race results and odds.

NETBALL

Fiji beckons juniors

A TRIP to Fiji next summer is the prize on offer for the would-be England under-21 internationalists who will congregate in Birmingham for open trials this weekend (Louise Taylor writes)...

NETBALL

England under-18 squad

ENGLAND UNDER-18 SQUAD: R Webb (Gloucestershire), Amanda Werner (Hertfordshire), H Brodbeck (Essex Metropolitan), H Lewis (Northampton), G Sayer (Sussex), K Morris (South Yorkshire), J Aylett (Essex Metropolitan), A Elliott (Essex Metropolitan), R St Louis (Bedfordshire), O Cutler (Worcestershire)...

HOCKEY

Germans retain unbeaten record

Auckland - Franziska Hentschel, the powerful German forward, scored her sixth goal in three matches yesterday to strengthen her side's chances of reaching next year's Olympic tournament...

HOCKEY

Knapp converted the stroke

Knapp converted the stroke, and Ross Rutledge rubbed salt into Irish wounds in the last minute by scoring from a short corner. The defeat leaves Ireland in third place...

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

British team celebrates judo double

A DOUBLE victory is being celebrated by the British sport judo squad after winning the European championship title at Sassari, Sardinia, and the World Cup for the first time (Jane Wyatt writes)...

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Knowles, from London, won the bronze

The former European champion, Ian Rose, from High Wycombe, failed to dislodge his team-mate, Lewis, and had to be content with silver. Mick March (under-65kg), Andy Aspy (under-71kg), Terry Webb (under-55kg) and David Hoekins (over-95kg), all won bronze...

Law Report October 17 1991

No power to hear appeal

Henry J. Garrett & Co v Ewing
Before Lord Donaldson of Lynton, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Leggatt
[Judgment October 15]
A defendant, who was a vexatious litigant, might not appeal to the Court of Appeal from a judgment given against him without first having obtained the leave of the High Court to do so...

Identification practicalities

Regina v Penny
Before Lord Justice Stuart Smith, Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice Morland
[Judgment October 14]
Where a suspect, who had been released on bail after agreeing that he would be willing to stand on an identification parade, returned to the police station for that purpose but the police officer in charge of the investigation decided that it was not practicable to hold the parade...

Scots Law Report October 17 1991

Establishing right of action

Mull Shellfish Ltd v Golden Sea Produce Ltd
Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross), Lord Murray and Lord Grieve
[Judgment August 2]
A tenant of an area of seabed under a lease granted by the Crown for the sole purpose of cultivating mussels by suspending ropes in the water on which free floating mussel larvae would settle and grow had a sufficient proprietary right to constitute title and interest to sue for nuisance where the larvae were poisoned by chemicals released into the sea...

Ranking on Leases (3rd edition, pp1, 70). It was unnecessary for title to be in any form of ownership of the larvae; it was sufficient that they had legal rights dependent upon them so that injury flowed from damage to them...

Without such a proprietary right there was no legal basis for a claim to damages. Nazzari v Moffa Plant, (1987 SLT 221). Larvae were free floating and attached themselves to the pursuers' ropes in order to grow, the pursuers could then be said to have acquired proprietary rights...

The pursuers argued that a tenant who suffered substantial impairment of the value of his lease from the actions of a neighbouring proprietor was entitled to protect his interest...

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# In-form Selkirk to extend winning run

**SELKIRK** warms up for a crack at the Breeders' Cup Mile in the United States early next month by contesting the group two Challenge Stakes over seven furlongs at Newmarket today.

In going nap on Ian Balding's recent winner of the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot, it was acutely aware of the fact that he has never raced over a distance as short as this, not even when he was a two-year-old.

However, with Mystiko and Bog Trotter also in the field, the race seems likely to be run at a brisk pace from the onset. If that does turn out to be the case, Selkirk should prove too strong for them judged on the way that he has finished in his last two races.

Being by Sharpen Up out of that fast mare Ammie Edge, he should also have sufficient speed to stay in contention early on.

While some might regard this as a mere pushover for Selkirk if he reproduces his Ascot form, it is pertinent to point out that Mystiko has run his best races at Newmarket.

These performances include capturing the 2,000 Guineas in the spring after already winning the Free

Handicap over today's course and distance.

Bog Trotter also excelled at the corresponding meeting last year when he ran Generous to three-quarters of a length in the Dewhurst Stakes.

This season he has won the Greenham Stakes at Newbury and the Kiveton Park Stakes at Doncaster where Only Yours, La Grange Music and Himiko were all behind. However, Bog Trotter ran badly at Ascot last time on the same afternoon that Selkirk excelled.

Volkmann, the Henry Cecil-trained runner, has always worked like a good horse at home and he has been backed accordingly prior to winning both his races so far.

However, he still has a considerable amount to find if he is to beat Selkirk, who has looked a different horse since he had an operation in mid-summer to remove a testicle that had been causing him a great deal of discomfort.

Earlier in the programme, Volkmann's younger half-sister by Dancing Brave, Con-

gress, can confirm that she is going on the right way since her Leicester victory by winning the A R Dennis Bookmakers Nursery.

Today's programme can begin with Toshiba Comet Star landing the Buckingham Selling Stakes.

After winning at Carlisle and Hamilton Park, this will be a well-trained two-year-old run well enough in nurseries won by Walk in The Park and Blue Tiger to suggest that he can make the most of this drop in class.

The other race for two-year-olds, the EBF Chesterton Maiden Stakes, can go to Fast Manoeuvre whose first run in the race won by Westman at the last meeting impressed me marginally more than Bold Pursuit's promising debut but Modernise the follow day.

Otherwise it should pay to follow the season's leading apprentice Darryll Holland riding Langolien (2:35) and Perfolla (4:10).

The way that Langolien finished at the end of ten furlongs in the race won by Astatic last time hinted strongly that the longer distance of the Greene King Handicap will prove ideal.

## Rule amended on void races

**FOUR** sensible reforms to racing's rules which will help backers, owners and riders have been approved by the Jockey Club. They will all become effective from January 1 next year.

Races will no longer be declared void if they start before the advertised time. The rule covering void races, which prevented backers from collecting on "winning" bets, was introduced to prevent bookmakers being subject to fraud.

"Novices" off-course bookmakers have access to many forms of effective communication systems and the possibility of a total breakdown is extremely remote.

The rules governing apprentice jockeys are being made more flexible, which will give young riders better opportunities. The upper age limit is to be increased from 24 years to 25, and the scale of allowances is being revised.

A 7lb allowance will be claimed until the apprentice has ridden 15 "open" winners (as opposed to ten), a 5lb allowance until 50 winners (unrated), and a 3lb allowance until 85 "open" winners (currently 75).

The rules are also being relaxed on ex-professional jockeys reverting to amateur status. At present the jockey who has held an apprentice or conditional jockey's licence for more than a year is eligible to hold an amateur rider's permit or ride in point-to-points.

The rules have also prevented people who have often left the industry long ago due to lack of riding opportunities, ability or increasing weight from riding in amateur races. The Jockey Club has decided to allow apprentice and conditions jockeys to hold licences for up to 30 months and remain eligible for amateur status at a later date.

In an attempt to prevent races ending in walkovers or matches, the rules on re-opening of races are also being amended. In July the Jockey Club decided races could be re-opened to original entrants if only one horse was declared to run. In future a race can be re-opened if only two horses are declared.

MPs and peers are being lobbied by the Racecourse Association about the ineffectual courses are facing following the implementation of the safety at sports grounds legislation.

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
2.00 Toshiba Comet Star.	2.00 Toshiba Comet Star.	3.05 Don't Leave Me.
2.35 Langolien.	2.35 Secret Society.	3.40 Selkirk.
3.05 Congress.	3.05 Misty View.	4.10 LONG KNIVES.
3.40 SELKIRK (nap).	3.40 Selkirk.	(nap).
4.10 Perfolla.	4.10 SUPEROO (nap).	
4.40 Fast Manoeuvre.	4.40 Fast Manoeuvre.	

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<b>2.00 BUCKENHAM SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,205: 6) (27 runners)</b>		
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# Why Durham was an offer too good to refuse



Jones: match-winner

When I told my young son, Jamie, that I was going to play for Durham next season, he paused for a moment, no doubt sadly reflecting on the privileges he would forgo at the County Ground, Hove, in 1992. Then his face lit up. "Great, Dad, you can get Ian Botham's autograph."

To young and old alike, the signing of England's great all-rounder has put the newest and northernmost first-class county firmly on the cricketing map. No sooner was it rumoured that I, 100, was to join Durham, than people immediately started telling me how interesting it would be to play alongside "old Both".

I readily agree. It will certainly be an experience to be in the same side as him, but the reasons for emigrating to the far north next summer go beyond that. The advent of Durham represents the



## On the day Durham unveils its squad for its first season as a first-class county, Paul Parker, the former captain of Sussex, reveals why he signed up for one last cricketing adventure

most exciting and interesting challenge in county cricket.

At the start of last season I was contemplating my future in the game. Having been the elder statesman and proud captain of my county for the past three seasons, I was looking forward to furthering the frustratingly slow advance of Sussex into respectability over the coming two seasons. This would have coincided neatly with the termination of my playing contract. Perhaps then, at the age of 36, I would have reached the time to bow out gracefully and seek what

most people outside cricket would term proper employment.

At no time had the thought of changing county entered my head. In fact, I was looking forward to playing against Durham, especially on their home turf. After 16 years of first-class cricket, some of the drudgery of the travelling, especially the trek up the M1 to the Midlands, was beginning to tell. The name, Chester-le-Street, however, has a romantic ring to it.

Durham is built around a cathedral, and although Darlington does not sound so appealing to an ignorant southerner, I was

looking forward to playing at the new venues and against different opposition.

But the vagaries of professional sport do not allow such long-term planning.

Towards the end of July, Alan Caffyn, the Sussex chairman, asked to see me. He informed me of the committee's decision to ask me to stand down as captain. This was a bitter blow.

Sussex did make me a generous offer to remain for the last year of my contract, but I was pleased to be given the freedom to move county or retire. Several counties had expressed interest in me, but the proposition from Durham stood out.

Here was literally a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity — the chance to join the first new first-class county since Glamorgan graduated in 1921. To a professional cricketer in the twilight of his

career, rarely does a completely new challenge present itself. The location of County Durham, in a curious way, merely added to the attraction.

On the playing side, there is the very real and exciting possibility of success, especially in limited-overs matches. A batting line-up which includes Wayne Larkins, Dean Jones and Ian Botham is not short of match-winners and I am looking forward to running between the wickets with Jones.

If our bowling reserves seem thin, David Grayveney will welcome the opportunity to wheel away at one end. His role as captain will be crucial next season. An amiable and able leader on the field, he will need all his experience and integrity to create the right blend from an unusual mix of players.

Geoff Cook, Durham's director of cricket, has bought himself two

or three years in which to develop the potential of the county's own very talented young cricketers. It will be in this area, in particular, that the experience of the imported players can be put to effective use.

I am acutely aware of the need to integrate and be accepted as soon as possible, and performance on the field will be the quickest way. Equally important will be the ability to recognise Durham's need to introduce its own cricketers quickly.

Moving counties will cause great disruption in my home, but professional cricket has ever been thus, an itinerant, enjoyable but precarious existence in which the family generally gets a raw deal. On purely selfish grounds, I am eagerly looking forward to next season — the beginning of the last, and perhaps the highest, adventure of my professional career.

## Spanish golfer chases a fifth World Match Play victory

# Ballesteros has chance to set the record straight

By MITCHELL PLATT'S GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SEVERIANO Ballesteros is well aware that a victory in the Toyota World Match Play Championship, which starts at Wentworth today, would enable him to obliterate, once and for all, the bitter memories of the psychological pounding he endured in 1990.

Twelve months ago Ballesteros trudged off the West course after being beaten 8 and 6 by Ronan Rafferty. It was only the second time in 15 consecutive appearances in the event that he had been defeated in the first round.

The reversal came at a critical time for Ballesteros. He had stumbled from one disappointment to another that year and found himself heading home for the winter with only the Majorcan Open

First round

Seeded positions in brackets

0830 and 1300: T Purzer (US) (9) v W Andrade (US)

0845 and 1315: F Couples (US) (5) v N Ozaki (Japan)

0900 and 1330: M Calavecchia (US) (6) v C Montgomery (Sp)

0915 and 1345: N Price (Zim) (7) v S Richardson (Eng)

Second round

0830 and 1300: I Woosnam (Wales) (1) v Purzer or Andrade

0845 and 1315: S Ballesteros (Sp) (4) v Ozaki or Richardson

Couples or Ozaki

0900 and 1330: N Faldut (Eng) (3) v Calavecchia or Montgomery

0915 and 1345: I Baker-Finch (Aus) (2) v Price or Richardson

BETTING (Cont): 7-2: Woosnam, 4-1: Faldut, Ballesteros, 6-1: Couples, Baker-Finch, 14-1: Richardson, 18-1: Calavecchia, Montgomery, 20-1: Price, 28-1: Purzer, 40-1: Andrade, 125-1: Ozaki

TELEVISION: Today BBC2: 1415-1730 (news at 1500 and 1550). Tomorrow BBC2: 1415-1730 (news at 1500 and 1550).

trophy as a tangible reward for his efforts.

Furthermore, he had missed the halfway cut in successive major championships for the first time in his career. He failed in the Open and then had rounds of 77 and 83 in the US PGA Championship. Ballesteros was at war with himself; he was brooding

about his swing. He cited lack of desire as a contributing factor for his indifferent play.

The Spaniard reminded his enthusiasm during the winter break at his home in Pedraza. He won in Japan, then he took the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth in May and the Dunhill Masters a week later.

In 1989, Ballesteros put out Chip Beck 9 and 8, and the American eloquently described himself as having been "tested in the crucible of humiliation". A day later it was Ballesteros's turn; he lost 6 and 5 to Nick Faldo.

Ballesteros is one of the four seeds, along with Ian Baker-Finch, the Open champion, Ian Woosnam, the Masters champion, and Faldo, who do not play until tomorrow. That is a blessing for him. "I've got flu and a bad back," he said. "I've been on antibiotics for five days for a throat infection, and I've had two anti-inflammatory injections in the base of my back."

The first-round interest today will centre on Colin Montgomerie and Steve Richardson, who play Mark Calavecchia and Nick Price, respectively, while Ballesteros's opponent will be the winner of the match between Fred Couples and Joe Ozaki. Tom Purtzer and Billy Andrade meet for the right to take on Woosnam, the defending champion.

Yet Ballesteros flattered only to deceive in the major championships. By teeing up in the Volvo Masters in Spain next week, he will become the No. 1 player in the 1991 order of merit, but it is a win in this championship on Sunday that he cherishes. It would complete his rehabilitation.

Ballesteros, however, does have an ambivalent relationship with this event. He won the title four times in five years from 1981, but since then he has been frustrated in his attempt to equal Gary Player's record of five wins.

Indeed, Ballesteros has been well beaten in four of his last five attempts. His title defence in 1986 was brought to an abrupt end when Rodger Davis crushed him 7 and 6. Two years later, Sandy Lyle beat him by a similar margin.

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WENTWORTH WEST COURSE

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2	153	3	11	378	4
3	452	3	12	463	4
4	501	5	13	441	4
5	181	3	14	179	3
6	344	4	15	468	4
7	399	4	16	380	4
8	390	4	17	671	5
9	450	4	18	502	4
OUT	3361	35	IN	3584	37
			OUT	3361	35
			TOTAL	6945	72

## Edwards proves the dominant partner

By JOHN HENNESSY

SPENCER Edwards, an enterprising young player from Kings Norton, joined forces with the more experienced Mike Deesley, of Moulton, to take the lead on the first day of the Golf Plus PGA fourball championship at East Sussex National yesterday.

In spite of high winds and incessant rain they achieved a round of 68, four under par. Stuart Betheridge and Cyril Jepson, from Nottinghamshire, and a Scottish pair, Brian Dunbar and Alan McCloskey, are a stroke behind.

Edwards, aged 22, led the way with four of his side's five birdies.

Deesley, having missed the 170-yard 3rd with a three-iron, redeemed himself with a chip-in from 20 feet. The rest of the round belonged to Edwards.

The holders, Nigel Burch and

Mike Inglis, reached the turn in 33, three under par, but thereafter, according to Inglis, "it was more a question of survival".

They failed to survive twice.

At the 10th Burch missed the fairway and Inglis a three-foot putt after a fine bunker shot. At the 14th Inglis missed the fairway and Burch erred on the green with a third putt.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES: 68: M Deesley (Gloucester) and S Edwards (Worcestershire); 69: S Betheridge (Nottinghamshire) and C Jepson (Nottinghamshire); 70: B Dunbar (Scotland) and A McCloskey (Scotland); 71: O Scholze and M Gray (England); 71: N Burch (Nottinghamshire) and M Inglis (Kent); 72: J Frazzetta and J Ridge (Cheshire); 72: I Hartigan and A Pritchard (Sussex); 73: D Rogan (West Byfleet) and M Purker (Shropshire); 73: P Hanson and D Potts (Nottinghamshire); 74: S Sherratt and C Harman (Sussex); 75: M Hoggie and P Duns (Sussex); 76: T Lunn (Nottinghamshire) and A Davies (Old Forewood).

## Spaniard stands by to upset Davies

By PATRICIA DAVIES

LAURA Davies should be the favourite for the Woolmark matchplay championship at Carimate, north of Milan, starting today, but it is tempting fate and ignoring history to nominate her as the winner.

The course, which measures a fraction under 6,000 yards, is playing every inch of that after recent heavy rain and some players were rearranging their bags to include as wide a variety as possible of woods and wedges, jettisoning their irons as so much excess baggage.

Last year, when Davies reached the third round, only to be beaten by Alison Nicholas, she reiterated her dislike for this form of the game at which she rarely progresses as far as she should. Maria Navarro, Davies's Spanish opponent in the first round, will fancy herself to cause a not entirely unexpected upset.

Dale Reid, the second seed, who was beaten in the final by Florence Descamps last year, also faces a tough battle, against Jane Hill, of Zimbabwe, but it is the sort of match that the Scot should win. One certainty is that Descamps will not win — she is in the United States trying to win her US tour card.

If she has the time, perhaps she can do some lobbying on behalf of the Westbix women's British Open. It has moved its date from early August to September 24 to 27, the week before the Solheim Cup (the women's equivalent of the Ryder Cup), in an effort to persuade the United States team (their top ten players) to come and acclimatise by competing for the £50,000 first prize.



Ten out of ten: Underwood, the England wing, goes through the paces at a training session near Paris yesterday

## Hourquet opts to withdraw

RENÉ Hourquet, France's leading referee, has withdrawn from the list of 12 officials invited to handle the knockout stages of the World Cup in what amounts, I understand, to a gesture of sympathy with his omitted colleague, Patrick Roblin (David Hands writes).

Roblin was one of only two referees from the seven senior rugby-playing countries not to advance to the later stages of the tournament. The other was Les Peard, of Wales, ironically Peard now comes into the final 12 instead of Hourquet.

The official bulletin from the World Cup organisers explained the change by saying that Hourquet, whose international career began in 1983, was unable to fulfil his commitments to the tournament.

However, it appears that French administrators were not happy, when the appointments were decided on Tuesday, that Roblin had been excluded and Hourquet's withdrawal is the upshot.

Roblin handled only one World Cup match, that between Wales and Western Samoa, in which a try was awarded in controversial circumstances to the Samoan centre, To'o Vaega — a match that the Samoans went on to win 16-13.

## Lynagh seeks rest cure to banish the dreaded yips

FROM BRYAN STILES IN DUBLIN

MICHAEL Lynagh, the golf-playing Australian stand-off half, has developed the yips equivalent of the yips. His putting touch has remained intact on Ireland's tricky greens but, when he lines up the oval ball for a kick at goal, his thought processes are in a whirl.

He may be the second-highest scorer in the tournament, with 39 points, but he has been off target with kicks he thought should have been a piece of cake. He has decided he needs a rest cure and has studiously avoided kicking practice at all of Australia's training sessions since arriving in Ireland on Monday for their World Cup quarter-final against Ireland on Sunday.

After missing six kicks in the 38-3 win over Wales on Saturday, he told Marty Roebuck, the reserve kicker, that he would hand the ball to him if he was off target with his first kick in the second half. It sailed over, and Lynagh did not miss again, but he left the field a worried man.

The kicking yips has struck before. When Australia and Ireland met in a schools' match in 1982, the Wallabies scored six tries but he failed to convert any of them.

that Calder was still in the Scotland team to play in the quarter-final against Western Samoa even though Kenan, the Western Samoan who was sent off for punching an Argentinian, was barred from playing.

"Maybe the sending-off was necessary, but it did not seem a big deal to me," Dwyer said. "The referee was the only one who could judge that, though I thought it was pretty tough to suspend one player for the most important game of his life and make an innocent statement about leaving the treatment of the other player to his home union. It seemed nonsensical."

Dwyer is still not totally happy with his team's form despite their record win over Wales. "We're not running the ball well in the first phase," he said. "But we will, even though I'm not sure when."

The Irish have returned to their Dublin country home base after their away-from-it-all break in Kerry and are likely to announce their team today.

Ralph Keyes, the stand-off half and leading points scorer in the World Cup, is under treatment for an ankle injury. Keyes hopes to be fit for the match against Australia.

Dwyer said it was "strange"

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In the Australian grand slam tour of the home countries in 1984, Lynagh lost his confidence again and Roger Gould was brought in to kick in the match against Wales. The break did the trick and, in the next match against Scotland, Lynagh kicked in 21 points.

If he wakes up in his Dublin hotel this morning and decides it is time to get back to work, the Australian management will request a kicking session for him at Lansdowne Road today. However, there is talk he might not want to have a few "sighters" until as late as Saturday.

Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach, opened the debate on the controversial high tackle-compensation by Finlay Calder, the Scottish flanker, on Jim Staples, the Ireland full back, last Saturday.

Dwyer said it was "strange"

## Competition results Welsh pull through

MRS JEAN Hudson has two tickets for the Rugby World Cup final as the first prize in the competition is *The Times* on October 5. Mrs Hudson, of Roman Way, Wantage, Oxfordshire, and a friend will be the guests of the Famous Grouse Scotch whisky, one of the tournament's sponsors, at the final and for hospitality before and after the match. The ten runners-up, who each receive a

bottle of Famous Grouse, are: Mr R.L. Rosemary, of Bury Lane, Rickmansworth, Herts; Mr Simon Webster, of St Giles's Avenue, Ashford, Surrey; Mr Mike Gilbert, of Potters Green, West Gosport, N.H.S.A.; J. O'Brien, of Wilton Park, Dunchurch, Rugby; Mr M.L. Evans, of Vale Avenue, Sarsnet, W.L.; Graham, of Smeeth Road, Hemmings, Wilt; S.J. Smith, of Grove Road, Windsor, Berkshire; Mr Hugh Ryan, of Lansdowne Park, Richmond, Surrey; Mr Peter Sweeney, of Old Hill Lane, Cleeve, Wilt; David Bell, of Chawton Road, Ewell Village, Surrey.

ANSWERS: 1, Eden Park, Auckland; 2, Japan and Western Samoa; 3, Willie O'Connell; 4, Rory Underwood; 5, Quilty.

TWO tries in the closing ten minutes allowed Wales Under-21s to hold on to a ten-minute unbeaten run when they beat Ireland Under-21s, 22-15, at Rodney Parade, Newport last night.

Luc Evans opened the scoring for Wales with a try, converted by Jenkins, after ten minutes. Midway through the first half, however, the Irish took the lead with a goal and penalty goal from their wing, Niall Woods. Jenkins levelled the scores with a penalty goal early in the second half before Ireland restored their lead through Loogwell's converted try.

A Jenkins penalty and tries for Williams and Howley sealed victory for Wales.

SCORES: Wales Under 21: 15-15; Ireland Under 21: 15-22; Wales Under 21: 22-15; Ireland Under 21: 15-22; Wales Under 21: 22-15; Ireland Under 21: 15-22.

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### Hallett finds his feet

MIKE Hallett, who has learned to his cost this season that success in invitation tournaments does not necessarily translate into world ranking points, took the first step on the road to recovery by reaching the fifth round of the Rothmans grand prize at the Hexagon Theatre, Reading, yesterday (Philip Yates writes).

Hallett, the world No. 8, beat Darren Morgan, the Welsh champion, 5-2 to end one of the most barren spells of his career during which he has failed to qualify for the concluding stages of five major events and collected only one ranking point.

Despite the paltry points total, Hallett still heads the money list with almost £90,000 following lucrative wins in the Regal Scottish Masters and Humo Belgian Masters.

After beating Morgan, his 5-3 conqueror at the corresponding stage of the Dubai Classic last month, Hallett, aged 32, from Grimsby, said: "Forget the finals, that was my most important match this season. I needed to put in a good performance just to prove to myself I could still do it out there."

Steve Davies, the second seed, will face Jim Chambers, who beat the South African, Peter Francisco, 5-0, in the fifth round.

## CRICKET

### Sharjah trophy begins World Cup build-up

By SIMON WILDE

AN ERA that will, it is hoped, return cricket to its once-high standards of discipline begins in Sharjah today with the first international match played since the game's new code of conduct came into force on October 1.

Pakistan and West Indies, who meet in the first match of the Wills Trophy, will not, however, be under the supervision of an International Cricket Council (ICC) match referee. At this early stage, ICC match referees will supervise

one-day internationals only when they are part of a Test match tour.

When a referee is in attendance, bad behaviour in a Test or one-day international may be punished by suspension for up to 75 per cent of a player's match fee. The referee will also be ready to penalise any team failing to deliver 15 overs an hour. Batters, meanwhile, will have to beware infringing the new regulations on intimidation, which limit them to one bounce per batsman per over.

Unfortunately, there will be

few opportunities to see the code applied in Test matches, of which there are only 12 confirmed for a winter dominated by the World Cup in Australia. India play five Tests in Australia. Sri Lanka four in Pakistan, and England three in New Zealand. Two former England captains, Mike Smith and Peter May, will referee the Tests in Australia; a third, Donald Carr, will be on duty in Pakistan; and Peter Burge, the former Australia batsman, will officiate in New Zealand.

Extraordinarily, West Indies do not play any Tests, which will

at least allow them to concentrate on regaining the World Cup they last won in 1979. Today, they will be under a new leader, Richie Richardson, and without four senior players: Richards and Grenidge (both omitted), and Haynes and Marshall (unavailable).

While the number of Tests being played is the smallest for 18 years, the tally of one-day internationals will reach 70 for the first time, even if South Africa do not compete in the World Cup.

Those definitely taking part in the World Cup will be better prepared for the tournament than ever. Between now and the opening World Cup match on February 22 there is a bumper-to-bumper cooey of limited-overs events designed to get all the protagonists into shape.

FIXTURES: Sharjah Test, Pakistan and West Indies Oct 17-25 (7 one-day internationals); Bangladesh (Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and West Indies) Oct 22-28 (6 one-day); Pakistan v West Indies: Now (2 one-day); Australia v India: Nov 20-Feb 5 (5 Test matches); Pakistan v Sri Lanka: Dec 6-Jan 15 (4 Tests, 3 one-day); World Series: 9-Jan 22 (14 or 15 one-day); New Zealand v England: Jan 11-Feb 15 (3 Tests, 3 one-day); New Zealand v Zimbabwe: Feb 17 (1 one-day); World Cup: Feb 22-Mar 28 (61 one-day, or 39 if South Africa complete).

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Penalty by Hagi damages Scots' hopes of qualifying

Romania... 1 Scotland... 0 From RODDY FORSYTH IN BUCHAREST SCOTLAND'S unheated progress through group two came to a halt here last night when a handling offence by Gordon Durie led to Romania being awarded a penalty kick which was converted, inevitably, by Hagi to give his side two precious European championship qualifying points.



It takes two to tussle: Galloway, left, of Scotland, duels with danger man, Hagi

Villa outwit Bayern and sign up two Germans

ASTON Villa have signed Matthias Breitzkreutz, a midfielder player, and Stefan Belsch, a forward, from the Berlin club, Bergmann Borsig, Breitzkreutz, aged 20, and Belsch, aged 19, impressed Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, during a reserve match for the first division club last week.

Northern Ireland adapt better to the conditions

Northern Ireland... 2 Austria... 1 By IAN ROSS... WHILE it would be premature in the extreme to suggest that the Northern Ireland national team has finally entered a long-overdue period of renaissance, the signs are at least encouraging.

Congress puts Sydney on fast track for 2000

FROM DAVID MILLER IN SYDNEY IF THE benefit of the competitors was the first consideration, then neither Athens nor Atlanta should have been awarded the centenary Olympic Games of 1996, but Melbourne, Sydney will be an even better bid for 2000.

Gallacher to assist

BERNARD Gallacher, the Ryder Cup captain, will assist Britain and Ireland's leading women's amateur golfers in their build-up to the Curtis Cup match against America at Holyvale, next June.

Safety measures proposed

SUGGESTIONS made by Peter Hamlyn, the neurosurgeon for St Bart's hospital who operated on Michael Watson, the Islington middleweight, last month, will be incorporated into the regulations of the British Boxing Board of Control, John Morris, the secretary of the board, said yesterday after a meeting with Robert Atkins, the minister for sport, in London.

Warden Owen remains on course

EDDIE Warden Owen, the leading British match racing skipper, Chris Dickson, representing Japan, and Peter Isler, of the United States, sailed through to the quarter-finals of the Omega Gold Cup match race championship here yesterday with 3-0 victories over unseeded competitors.

YACHTING

Warden Owen and his crew of Guy Barron, Lou Varney, Derek Clark and Chris Mason overcame a spirited challenge from Germany's former flying Dutchman world champion, the water, they held on to the water, they held on to the water, they held on to the water.

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A collection of sports news snippets including: FOOTBALL (European Championship, Romania vs Scotland), BOXING (WBC International, WBA Super Middleweight), TENNIS (FEDERATION, Germany), RUGBY UNION (UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCHES), SQUASH RACKETS (NEW YORK), YACHTING (CANNES), HOCKEY (CRYSTAL PALACE INDOOR LEAGUE), ICE HOCKEY (NATIONAL LEAGUE), MOTOR RALLYING (SAN REMO), and BOXING (LITTLEWOODS POOLS LIVERPOOL advertisement).

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England miss chance to boost goal tally as European championship group remains open

## Smith's strike proves difference

England ..... 1  
Turkey ..... 0

By STUART JONES  
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ALAN Smith, though it was enough to beat Turkey at Wembley last night, may not be sufficient to take England to the finals of the European Championship in Sweden next summer. His header, almost the only bright note in a largely futile display, at least represented two valuable points.

England increased their lead but missed the chance to enlarge their total of goals, which could be costly. Assuming that the Republic of Ireland beat Turkey, they would have to avoid defeat against Poland in Poznan.

Before their opening goal, England had to ride through some alarmingly rough water. Unbalanced and heading into a stiff wind, they were in danger of being sunk by a nation which has yet to register a goal in group seven.

The start was bright, almost excessively exuberant, and Turkey might immediately have lost their sweeper during the first genuine attack. Gokhan illegitimately, and crudely, halted Linaker's hurt towards the area and was cautioned. As England's captain would have been clear, the offence could have been worthy of dismissal.

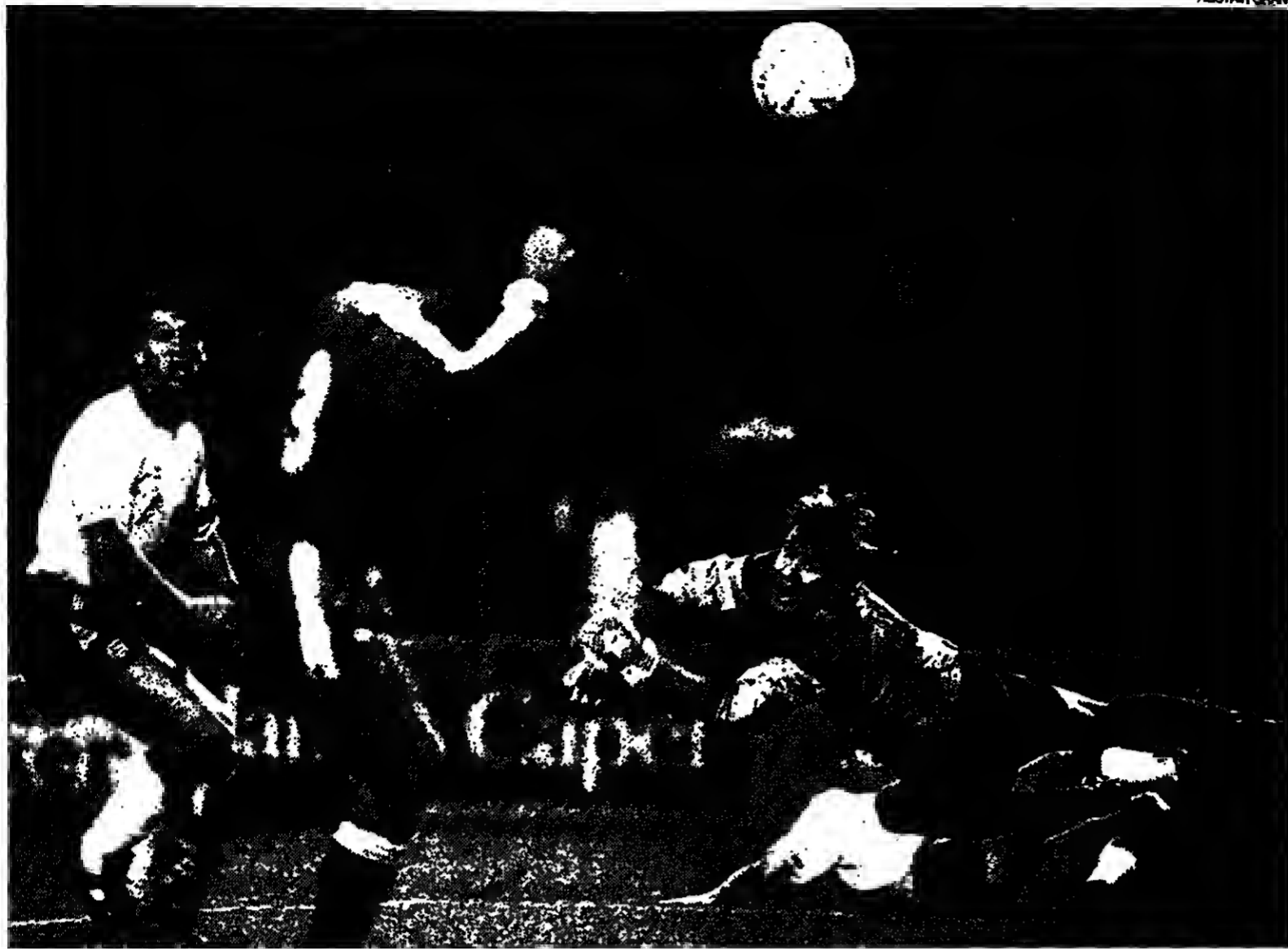
The threats for the next quarter of an hour, though, were all posed by the Turks. Although they employed a front line of only Feyyaz, they broke from defence with more speed, accuracy and purpose than was evident in England's approach.

Riza, one of two players returning to the arena where they were beaten 3-0 four years ago, began the worrying sequence with a cross designed for the head of the unguarded Feyyaz. His attempt skimmed off the sodden turf and stretched Woods, who was subsequently disturbed by a distant shot from Tugay.

England's formation seemed curiously out of shape. Robson, ambling and rambling through the initial stages, filled the deep position which was supposedly reserved for Batty, who was, surprisingly, prompting the front two.

Waddle, instead of being allowed to roam freely as had been suggested, was restricted to a conventional winger's work on the right flank.

Midfield, as well as leaning heavily in his direction, was an area almost devoid of creativity. Any pass of more than a few yards was invariably



Anxious moment: Waddle shoots wide of Hayrettin, the Turkish goalkeeper, as Linaker, the England captain, looks on at Wembley last night

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	3	2	0	6	2	8
Rep of Ireland	3	1	4	0	10	5	5
Poland	2	2	1	7	5	3	5
Turkey	5	0	5	0	11	0	0

RESULTS: England 2, Poland 0, Republic of Ireland 5, Turkey 0, Republic of Ireland 1, England 1, Turkey 0, Poland 3, Turkey 0, Republic of Ireland 0, Poland 0, Turkey 0, England 1, Poland 3, Republic of Ireland 0, England 1, Turkey 0.

FIXTURES: November 13: Turkey v Republic of Ireland, Poland v England.

ably wayward until Batty, Smith and Pearce combined neatly midway through the first half.

Significantly, the goal followed within a minute. Dixon, whose distribution was equally inaccurate, did manage to locate his fellow full back and Pearce's cross unveiled the vulnerability of Turkey's goalkeeper.

Hayrettin flapped wildly, and in vain, as it sailed over his reach and on to the head of Smith, standing at the head of a queue, for a simple nod from close range.

But Turkey, as well as being

efficiently organised in defence, showed that they could be forceful to attack as well. On the half hour, for instance, Ural struck a drive from the edge of the area Woods had to brush wide.

The same Turk completed the next move with another crisp shot which again prompted Woods to dive to save. At that stage, the sum of England's attacks amounted to significantly less than their inferior opponents.

Waddle alone represented a way through and Robson, belatedly moving forward, whenever he was in possession, turned to his right and, wherever possible, encouraged his colleague to display his talent.

For some five minutes the play was productive. With a series of crosses, he caused confusion amid Turkey's defence and provided opportunities for Platt and Smith, both of which were scored.

The first half drifted to an aimless close and the second began in the same fashion.

England had lost their sense of urgency and seemed unable to construct positive and incisive ideas.

There were only glimpses of hope. Waddle, switching to the left, provided an opening for Linaker but the ball bounced too swiftly for him to take advantage. Robson, gaining his 90th cap, almost turned in another cross from Dixoo but still there was no sharp finish to England's approach.

Even when they did find the net, some ten minutes from the end when a scrambled effort after a corner had not been cleared, the Spanish referee ruled that a foul had already been committed.

ENGLAND: G Woods (Goalkeeper), S Pearce (Right-back), D Batty (Centre), O Walker (Left-back), D Platt (Striker), B Robson (Striker), O Platt (Striker), A Smith (Striker), O Linaker (Striker), Hayrettin (Goalkeeper), C Waddle (Midfielder). TURKEY: Hayrettin (Goalkeeper), Feyyaz (Striker), Gokhan (Striker), Feyyaz (Striker), Feyyaz (Striker), Feyyaz (Striker), Feyyaz (Striker), Feyyaz (Striker), Feyyaz (Striker), Feyyaz (Striker), Feyyaz (Striker). Referee: A M Navarrete (Spain).

## Welsh supporters are arrested

Nuremberg — Ten Welsh football supporters were arrested for rowdy behaviour before the European championship qualifying match between Wales and Germany, police said yesterday.

Six were arrested in Wuerzburg on their way to the game, while four were arrested in Nuremberg where the match was played. All are being held for causing damage and bodily injury in fights with local supporters, police said.

About 4,000 Welsh supporters travelled to the game, where about 2,000 police were on duty. Bulgaria beat San Marino 4-0 in Sofia yesterday in a European championship group two match. The win put them into third in the group, one point behind Scotland.

## England drop Richards for quarter-final

From DAVID HANDS  
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT  
IN PARIS

AT LEAST France had 72 hours to accustom themselves to the idea of being without Didier Camberbero, their playmaker, for the World Cup quarter-final against England on Saturday. Yesterday England trumped that by deciding that they could afford to be without Dean Richards, the Leicester No. 8, at the Parc des Princes.

The relegation to the replacements of Richards (who would have equalled John Scott's record 31 appearances at No. 8 had he played) is one of two changes to the side which started the tournament against New Zealand; the other is on the right wing, where Nigel Heslop comes in for Chris Oti. Ironically, the French, too, have dropped their No. 8, Abdelatif Benazzi, in favour of Marc Cecilion, who has not appeared yet in the World Cup but who is deemed to be stronger at ruck and maul: precisely Richards's virtues.

Neither Richards nor Oti has been dropped before, although the careers of both, particularly Oti, have been speckled with injuries. Mike Teague, who has played so many games at No. 8 for Gloucester, moves across from blind-side flanker, where Mickey Skinner comes in. The decision reconstitutes the back row which played so well for England in 1990 (when Richards was absent all season with a shoulder injury) up to the point when Scotland shattered the grand slam dream. Among their notable triumphs was a remarkable 26-7 defeat of France at the Parc des Princes.

The knowledge that Skinner, Teague and Peter Winterbottom had played so well in tandem before was undoubtedly a factor in the English management's considerations. "Everyone's been aware that we have been looking at the back-row combinations," Geoff Cooke said yesterday during training at Montmorency. "Dean has been struggling to find his form. We have given him every opportunity and he just hasn't really come up with the goods."

Correspondingly, Teague has played in his usual forceful way and Skinner, acknowledged for his ability to make



Skinner: big tackler

the big tackles close to the set pieces, comes in for his 65th tenth cap.

"If you had suggested a few months ago that Dean should be dropped, I would have said it was inconceivable," Cooke said of the man who was named player of the season last May. "He has been the backbone of so much we have done. He hasn't got natural pace and when things happen quickly, maybe that has something to do with it. I have no doubt he will be back, and if we get through this one on Saturday, it may be different for the semi-final in Scotland."

Oti's raw strength, allied to his considerable speed, earned him his place initially in 1988. But his handling has remained suspect and his speed seems to have declined after the knee injury he incurred in 1989. Thus Heslop, a member of the 1991 grand-slam side, recovers his place and must now recover from an inflamed big toe, which prevented him training yesterday. Should it force him out, Simon Halliday will come in.

Since he left the field in Agen on Sunday with a cracked rib, Camberbero's prospects of playing on Saturday, even with a protective corset, had been doubtful. Thierry Lacroix, a goal-kicker like Camberbero, comes in for his seventh cap but, given the limited experience of Fabien Galthie at scrum half, much rests on this new combination.

FRANCE: S Blanco (Captain), J-L Lahaut, P Galle, F Mignani, P Sarradein, T Lacroix, E Galtier, G Lacroix, P Marocco, P Ondreux, C Cheyrou, M Cadieu, O Thomas, J-C Calvez, M Cadieu, P Bouchard, J-C Sarradein, P Laguerre, M Senz, A Benazzi, P Galtier, A Vignati. ENGLAND: J Waddle, N Heslop, W Cecilion, C Oti, M Teague, R Underwood, C Andrew, P Hill, J Lewis, G Heslop, P Winterbottom, M Teague, P Winterbottom, O Jones, S Halliday, C Monk, P Handcock, Oti, G Richards.

## TV figures offer rugby a lesson

By PETER BILLS

ITV viewing figures for the first week of the Rugby World Cup will show the prime early match of the tournament, England v New Zealand at Twickenham, attracted only the third highest figure among the opening five games.

A total of 3.75 million saw the game, although ITV officials suspect the figure may have been higher because offices with a television set would inevitably have contained more than a single viewer. They say, however, that the lesson for rugby is that so important an opening fixture should never again be arranged for a midweek afternoon.

The other figures, to be released this morning, will show that 4.25 million, the highest total to date, saw Scotland's match with Japan on the first Saturday of the tournament. The France v Romania night game, seen as an important early test for ITV's capacity to lure viewers in their peak hours slots, attracted 3.79 million viewers at the 8pm kick-off. The match had probably started with nearer five million viewers.

The lowest figure was 1.9 million for Australia v Argentina on the first Friday afternoon. BBC viewing figures for the Grand Slam decider between England and France last March were just over eight million with 5.75 million being recorded for the Scotland-England 1990 Grand Slam match. A total of 25 million watched the football World Cup semi-final between England and Germany.

## Keenan's suspension upheld by tribunal

AN APPEALS tribunal of the Rugby World Cup yesterday confirmed the one-match suspension of Mata'afa Keenan, the Western Samoan forward, for Saturday's quarter-final against Scotland at Murrayfield (Peter Bills writes).

The tribunal, sitting at London's East India Club, consisted of Sir Ewart Bell, the chairman of the disputes committee, Albert Agar, of the Rugby Football Union, and Dr Malcolm Little, of the Irish Rugby Football Union. They decided that the original decision of the disciplinary commission, which sat at Pontypridd on Sunday, was fair and justified.

Sir Ewart said: "The player concerned was guilty of a serious breach of law 26. We were aware that this was the biggest game Keenan would have played in his career and we regret this has happened."

The Western Samoans presented their appeal in a 30-page document of 16 pages of evidence which showed Keenan had thrown punches, before Keenan joined in. Tate Simi, the Western Samoan manager, accepted that they had received a fair hearing but expressed disappointment. The sending-off for punching was the first in the history of the national team. But Simi promised Keenan would return for the semi-final, if they won.

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## Ireland's lapses dull the sheen

Poland ..... 3  
Republic of Ireland ..... 3

From PETER BALL  
IN POZNAN, POLAND

IRELAND got the draw Jack Charlton said he wanted, but it did not come in the way he desired. Some poor defending in the final quarter of last night's European championship group seven match wasted what shaped as one of the finest performances in his five years as Republic of Ireland manager.

His team had dominated an ambitious Poland side with some sparkling attacking football to lead 3-1 with 15 minutes remaining. From there, they allowed Poland to creep back into the game.

The result means that the group will not be decided until the final round of matches next month, ensuring that England have to come to Poznan with all to play for.

But satisfactory as that outcome is to Charlton, the waste of a display of superb football, which answered all the critics of Ireland's approach to the game, will grieve a manager whose priority has always

been on defensive security. That fell apart last night.

Yet for the first hour Ireland were irresistible, the new formation proving a triumph as their five-man midfield covered every inch of Lech Stadium to strike, time and again, at the heart of a naive defence. McGrath, Townsend and Cascarino scored splendid goals, and there could have been more.

All three were outstanding, and Keane, Morris, Sheedy and Irwin all contributed to an excellent team performance. But even in such company Townsend stood out. Those who believe the Chelsea captain is now the best midfield player in the country would have found much to substantiate their claims yesterday as his strong, tireless running destroyed the Polish midfield.

The tactic of a packed midfield did not alter Ireland's belief in getting the ball forward quickly and it was soon flying high and long towards Cascarino, the lone forward, who was starting an international for the first time in 16 months.

A sign of the style's effectiveness came in the opening minutes as Cascarino met

Bonner's long kick to send Townsend racing through for a shot which was saved at full stretch. It was to be repeated, effectively, later.

It took only 11 minutes for Ireland's rampant midfield to tear Poland apart. McGrath began the move with an acute pass to Cascarino and then moved forward to glance a free header past Wandzik as he met Sheedy's cross.

Before that, Poland had looked equally dangerous, Furtok, Urban and the speedy Ziober suggesting that they were capable of posing serious problems. They might have had a penalty as Keane rashly lunged at Czachowski, who was to make a key contribution to his side's recovery.

But there was little doubting Ireland's strength, only a splendid save denying Cascarino as he met Sheedy's corner and a narrow offside decision frustrating Townsend as he broke up an attack, raced free and exchanged passes with Keane to round the keeper. That move demonstrated Ireland's qualities.

Poland, however, held out until the interval and came back after the restart to snatch an equaliser. The first evi-

dence of defensive insecurity came as Ireland failed to clear under pressure and when McGrath hooked out Ziober's cross, with Bonner stranded, it was volleyed into the corner by Czachowski.

Ireland responded immediately, Cascarino flicking on Bonner's long kick for Townsend to leave Wandzik helpless. Five minutes later, Townsend, free again, was denied by Wandzik for a corner, which produced the third goal, Cascarino scoring from close range.

Then the roof fell in. Bonner could only weakly parry a long shot by Czachowski to leave Furtok with a simple tap in, and Urban got in front of Bonner to meet Czachowski's deep cross and set the seal on an astonishing turnaround.

POLAND: J Wandzik (Penalty-taker), O Kucinski (Left Wing), sub: A Lesiak, Czachowski, D Holowczak (Centre), P Czachowski (Goal), P Szczepanski (Striker), J Nawrocki (Striker), R Kurkiewicz (Striker), J Urban (Striker), J Furtok (Striker), R Koscielniak (Striker), J Ziober (Striker), REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: P Bonner (Goalkeeper), O Irwin (Manchester United), S Shawcross (Aston Villa), sub: T Phelan, Winterbottom, D O'Leary (Liverpool), K Moran (Blackburn Rovers), A Townsend (Chelsea), P McGrath (Aston Villa), C Morris (Cardiff), R Keane (Nottingham Forest), A Cascarino (Cardiff), K Sheedy (Everton). Referee: G Goetschalckx (Belgium).

## Bulgaria gain consolation victory

BULGARIA, with no chance of qualifying for the European championship finals, romped to a 4-0 win over San Marino in Sofia in a group two qualifying match yesterday.

The Bulgarians might have scored more but, faced with a nine-man San Marino defence, laboured at times in attack.

bounced into the net in the twentieth minute. A San Marino player handled the ball in the area 17 minutes later and Stoichkov converted the penalty. Yankov made it 3-0 before half-time and Iliev volleyed home from 12 yards in the 85th minute.

Czechoslovakia defeated Albania 2-1 yesterday in their group one qualifying match. Neither of the teams had a chance of qualifying because France had clinched the quar-

ter-final place by beating Spain 2-1 last week, giving them an uncatchable lead of 14 points in the group.

Kula scored Czechoslovakia's first goal in the 36th minute, following a pass from Danek after Jurasko's free-kick. Kula's volley flew past Strakosha, the Albanian goalkeeper.

Lancz added a second goal in the fortieth minute after a clever move down the left wing, which also involved

Frydek. Both teams continued to struggle in a slow-paced second half before Zmjizani drove a spectacular 62nd-minute shot into the upper right-hand corner of Miklosko's net for Albania's goal. Milori, of Albania, was sent off a minute later for persistent foul play.

Czechoslovakia now lie in second place in the table, with ten points from seven matches. Spain are third, Iceland fourth and Albania last.

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